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Rates go up to pay for tower

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The users of Minden Hills's water and sewer systems will be paying more for those services, councillors for the township decided last week.

Council passed a five-per-cent increase for both water and sewer user fees at a May 13 council meeting as they attempt to pay off a \$1-million shortfall on the township's water tower project and after they amalgamated the Minden system with the system at Lutterworth Pines.

While the original estimate for the water tower – being constructed at the top of the hill known as Mount Minden – provided to the township by its engineering

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Kinmount streetscape commences

The long-awaited project to renovate Kinmount's downtown is underway. Kawartha Lakes crews were installing new water mains earlier this week. New curbs, gutters and sidewalks will follow.

Rural housing conference features local project

by ANGELICA BLENICH
Times Staff

What constitutes an affordable house?

This was just one of the questions asked at a rural housing conference held at the Minden United Church on May 13.

Facilitated by North House, an orga-

nization aimed at facilitating transitional housing strategies for North Durham, the conference targeted a number of issues surrounding alternative housing in small communities.

The conference included a video presentation made by Places for People, a not-for-profit community-based regis-

tered charity working to create safe rental housing for those at risk of homelessness in Haliburton County.

The video showed the steps involved with transforming a small residential house on George Street, Haliburton, into

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Standing for nomination are:
Georgina Boyle, Curtis Eastmure
Rick Forget, Wendy Penhale, Gary Swagerman

*We hope to see you at the meeting and welcome all interested.
For further information, please call 457-1742*

Pilot project looks at car sharing

Environment Haliburton invites you to an information session and facilitated discussion about creative solutions to rural transportation issues Tuesday, June 1, 1 to 3:30 p.m. at Fleming College, Haliburton.

The meeting opens with presentations from panel members, who include Stacy Kirkbride, research intern for U-Links, and Sherry Hayes, transit coordinator for Community Care North Hastings. Hayes will present information about North Hastings' transportation pilot program, a pilot looking at extending Community Care transportation services for seniors to all area residents.

Kirkbride plans to discuss the findings of her report on rural transportation issues and models for car sharing in Haliburton County. As highlighted by the report, the success of rural car sharing is highly dependent on having a strong motivated group of individuals willing to champion this alternative to traditional car ownership.

This is a great opportunity for community organizations, for-profit businesses and individuals who want to work towards innovative local transportation solutions to join in on the discussion. For further information contact 457-2047.

GULL LAKE COTTAGERS ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting
Sunday, May 23rd, 1p.m.
Kilcoo Camp



The Haliburton Curling Club would like to thank Jake Walker, Canada's Junior Men's Curling Champion and Bronze Medal winner at the recent World Curling Championship in Switzerland, for a very entertaining evening on May 8. Jake grew up in Haliburton County and curled at both the Minden and Haliburton Curling Clubs. The club also thanks all who attended, the businesses and individuals that contributed to the auction table and a very special thank you to Bob Johnston.

Places for People proves it can be done

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duplex apartments fit for two families. The process included a lengthy renovation that involved a number of volunteers and members of the community.

Following the video participants engaged in a discussion around the Places for People model and its success at creating affordable housing.

"It doesn't matter what you think is affordable," said Ann Watson of North House. "If someone else can't afford it it's unaffordable." Representing Places for People was Fay Martin, who spoke about her experience with the George Street housing model.

"In a decade the city of Toronto only produced 74 affordable rental units," said Martin. "We're doing much better than that." According to Martin, Places for People followed a model that included finding a rundown/unused property, buying it, renovating it and then renting it out affordably.

"Financially we started with nothing," said Martin. "The Haliburton County Development Corporation helped us a lot." The organization looked to other sources for financial help as well, including Canada Mortgage and Housing and fundraised \$87,000 towards the project.

An affordable rent was established for the tenants to pay, which goes towards paying for the mortgage and the utilities. A lengthy application process, which included seven to eight pages of paperwork, was required to become eligible for the units.

Several questions and comments were raised during the conference regarding this style of alternative housing model.

"How do you avoid becoming a kindly parent?" asked Laura Redman of the YWCA.

"You can in fact teach people how to be good tenants," answered Martin. "The reason I went ahead with this project is to show it can be done."

"Most people in this county can't afford to own houses. I think we need to do public education on a number of things," said Martin. Other participants agreed.

"We need to abolish the idea that real men own houses. For many people it makes more sense to rent," said a member of the conference.

"We can't assume everyone who needs alternative housing is unskilled," said Penny Contreras from Durham Social Services. Martin informed those at the conference that the George Street model was one that seemed to fit Haliburton County and its needs the best.

Angelica Blenich/TIMES



Members of the community and the region participated in a rural housing conference held at the Minden United Church on May 13.

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FAY MARTIN

"We looked at the Habitat for Humanity model but realized that wouldn't work for our county," said Martin.

The topic of alternative housing was also discussed during the conference. Participants unanimously agreed on the need to move away from using the term "social housing."

"I hate the term social housing," said Watson. "It has a real negative connotation that no one wants to be associated with."



The conference, which featured a special presentation by Places for People, aimed at targeting alternative housing issues in small communities.

Council contemplates cutting workers' benefits

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Councillors for Minden Hills are contemplating cost-saving changes to the township's employee benefit package.

Councillors heard from one of the township's insurance agents, Shawn Hagerman, at a May 13 council meeting.

With health-care costs constantly increasing, Hagerman said Manulife had proposed a 27.8-per-cent increase in benefit costs for the township, but he had the company reduce that to a 13.7-per-cent increase through negotiation.

The township employs 36 fulltime staff members, three part-time employees, 26 volunteer firefighters and a few seasonal workers who work its snack bars, park and other such amenities.

According to treasurer Lorrie Blanchard, benefits for a fulltime employee average about \$14,000 a year.

Sixty to 70 per cent of health-care claims are for prescription drugs, Hagerman said last week, and a cost-saving measure some organizations use is to make the purchase of generic drugs mandatory, or else they pay a percentage of the cost of brand-name drugs.

He suggested council might also want to look at reduc-

ing the amount of semi-private health-care practices the township pays for.

Each fulltime employee gets up to \$500 yearly for such practices as massage therapy and acupuncture.

The township's retirees also receive benefit packages, though their packages do not include short-term and long-term disability, accidental death or dismemberment or life insurance.

A person must work for the township for a minimum of 10 years before they are eligible for retirement benefits.

Some locals upset by sudden user fee hike

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consultants was \$2.4 million, increased tenders from the province's two water tower manufacturers has boosted that estimate to \$3.4 million.

The federal and provincial governments through the Building Canada Fund are paying for two thirds of the initial \$2.4 million, but the township is on its own to come up with the \$1 million to cover the shortfall.

Last Thursday's special council meeting followed a nearly three-hour-long public hearing where members of the community presented council with questions and concerns regarding the water tower project.

One man wanted to know exactly how the township had wound up with a \$1 million shortfall on the project and wanted to know if the unforeseen increase was the fault of the consulting firm contracted by the township, why the company didn't have to come up with the cash.

"Why should we have to pay for someone else's screw up?" he asked.

A number of residents of St. Germain Street, at the top of which the tower is being constructed, said their lives have disrupted, parts of their properties have been eaten up by a widening of the road and that there are persistent loud noises from the work site.

A number of residents seemed to think that the reason the road has been widened and the reason why the water tower is being built is to a facilitate a housing development at the top of the hill.

Councillor Rick Ratcliff told them this is not the case. Ratcliff said the township had promised to widen and resurface the road as part of its negotiations with the hill's owners so that the family could build a home or two on the hill, but said there were no plans for any large housing development.

The pressure in the township's water system is below provincial guidelines, which Ratcliff told the crowd is the

impetus for the water tower project. While he said another way to solve the problem would be to purchase and install mechanical pumps, he said this would cost just as much as the tower and last maybe 10 years, whereas the tower should be good for 40.

Ratcliff also pointed out that Canadian Tire has said it will not proceed with construction of the store it is supposed to be building along Highway 35 until the tower is built.

The building location for the tower has been moved slightly due to ground conditions and resident Abby Xerri wanted to know if the relocation played any part in the \$1 million.

Xerri also said he wanted to see documentation that stated that soil conditions were the reason the tower had to be moved.

The township's environment and properties manager, Peter Brown, told Xerri that he would work on getting answers and documents for him.

However, Xerri continued to ask the same question of the reeve and chief administrative officer and eventually became so emotional that he was asked to leave council chambers by Reeve Jim McMahon.

But Xerri refused to leave, instead asking McMahon, councillors and chief administrative officer Gerry Morrison for their resignations.

The township has some \$1.3 million in its water and sewer reserves and one woman wanted to know why the township simply couldn't use that money to cover the shortfall.

Councillor Peter Oyler explained that municipalities are mandated by the province to keep their reserves at certain levels and the said the money the township does have in its water and sewer reserves is "a drop in the bucket."

The amalgamation of Minden's water and sewer system with the water system at Lutterworth Pines resulted from the high cost and few users of the latter system.

The township recently installed a new water distribution system at the mobile home park after it was instructed to do so by the provincial government.

"We can thank the province," McMahon said, explaining that it had put more stringent rules regarding drinking water in place after the Walkerton disaster a decade ago.

Lutterworth Pines had been on a boil-water advisory for four years.

With just 29 households, each one is already paying \$1,000 a year for water and last week's increase means residents will now be paying \$1,050 annually.

The system cannot be added to but, like most costs, operating costs will continue to grow, which councillors reasoned would put an unrealistic burden on the residents of Lutterworth Pines.

The rate increases mean that users of the Minden system will pay \$94.70 per quarter on minimum billing or \$2.30 a cubic metre for water and \$118.45 per quarter on minimum billing or \$2.50 per cubic metre for sewer services.

The township has held back water and sewer bills for the first quarter of this year in anticipation of the bylaw passed last week, so residents will be paying the new rates from the beginning of 2010.

Two per cent of the five per cent increases will go towards paying for the \$1 million the township will debtire to cover the shortfall on the water tower project and three per cent will go towards operating costs of the newly amalgamated systems.

Only people on water and sewer systems can be asked to pay for them. Minden Hills residents on wells will not be affected by the increases.

Canadian Environment Week – a time to celebrate

Canadian Environment Week is about grassroots action to help preserve, protect and restore our environment. This annual event takes place this year from May 30 to June 5.

The United Nations declared 2010 the International Year of Biodiversity, and accordingly, the Canadian Environment Week theme this year is Embracing Life on Earth. Protecting Canada's natural environment reaps a world of benefits for Canadians, many of which are essential for our very survival. Oxygen, rain and the pollination of flowers are just a few products of biodiversity that we often take for granted.

It is important to remember that every effort to help the environment counts, big or small. This Canadian Environment Week, start collecting organic waste for composting. Use a mug for your morning coffee instead of a disposable cup. We all can make a difference by taking small steps like these as part of our daily lives to protect and preserve the life support systems we rely on every day. Our lives are inextricably linked with biodiversity. We must protect it at all costs. So get informed, get involved and act now. You can make a difference. Visit canadianenvironmentweek.ca for more ways how.

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PJ day offers girls boost to self-esteem

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Female students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School got a lesson in self-esteem last week.

The school's second annual self-esteem PJ party, put on with support from the school board, volunteers and the Dove company, was held in the gymnasium at ASES on the evening of May 14.

"Self-esteem has an effect on every aspect of a person's life," said organizer and ASES special education resource teacher Darlene Hill. "When girls and women feel good about how they look and how they feel about themselves, they are more likely to live their lives to their full potential. It allows us to try new things, make mistakes and use it as an opportunity to grow and learn, promote healthy friendships and expect respect from others."

Fifty girls in grades 4 through 7 showed up for the event, which included a drum circle, yoga and meditation, skin care and nail art, jewelry making and workshops

on first aid and babysitting.

Ricki Crothers, a teacher from Muskoka's Glen Orchard Public School and Tamica Herod, a student services worker with the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, led the drum circle.

Students played aboriginal drums made specifically for women and sang aboriginal songs.

"It created a sense of unity," Hill said. "It set the stage for being as one . . . for being a sisterhood."

Instructor Gail Holness led the yoga and meditation exercise.

"She emphasized the need to speak kindly and positively to ourselves on a daily basis to build our self-esteem muscles," Hill said.

Healthy snacks for the evening were prepared by a number of volunteers and there was also a dance.

The girls also received a sample of Dove products to take home, as part of the company's Real Beauty Campaign.

Hill said the evening was a great success.



Above: Girls in grades 4 through 7 participated in the event.

Right: Tamica Herod helped lead a drum circle.

"Tonight, we explored new strengths, talents, interests and allowed the girls to build a foundation for positive self-talk and self-image," she said. "The overall message: you are a unique, special, one-of-a-kind, wonderful person. Love the special uniqueness you bring to the world."



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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Girls' self-esteem is responsibility of all

KUDOS to the Archie Stouffer Elementary School staff members and community volunteers who helped to host a self-esteem PJ party for the school's female students last week.

The event included a number of events all aimed at boosting girls' self-esteem.

Possessing a positive self-image is of course important for anyone – girls, boys, men and women – and can sometimes be a fish that's difficult to catch.

However, it sometimes seems that it can be especially difficult for girls and consequently women, since self-esteem is something that generally sows its seeds in childhood.

And it's no wonder.

Girls and women seem to be inundated with a never-ending onslaught of unrealistic portrayals of beauty in the media, particularly in advertising.

Beautiful, skinny blonde women with flawless faces and cartoonishly large breasts are selling you clothing or dish soap or whatever.

"We insult her every day on TV and wonder why she has no guts or confidence," John Lennon sang in his 1972 song entitled *Woman is the Nigger of the World*.

It's frightening to think that not much has changed in nearly 40 years when it comes to this issue.

And the change isn't going to come from the corporations who do the advertising.

Yes, Dove is attempting to break the traditional mould by using everyday women as models, but it is just one of so many thousands of companies hocking its wares on the airwaves and in the pages of magazines.

The change must come from us, from communities and, most importantly, from men themselves.

While it seems that men are judged mainly on their abilities, women are often still judged primarily on the way they look, and secondly on their abilities.

Whose fault do you suppose that is?



EDITORIAL

Chad Ingram



IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

Bowls

Photo by Angelica Blenich

TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Quarry petition letter shows number of concerned residents

To the Editor,

We wish to alert people living or cottaging nearby sand/gravel pits. All pits and quarries are zoned M2 (extractive industrial) in which townships in Haliburton don't make a distinction. They say the zoning allows for either activities. The MNR issues permits and licences to aggregate owners.

What most people don't know is that these pits/quarries are leased long term to big aggregate companies, which in turn make a "dormant sand pit" to a full operation quarry. There should be some accountability at the municipal and pro-

vincial level (MNR) to take into account the area surrounding the pit/quarry, the social and environmental impacts.

We are fully aware that the aggregate industry is an important part of the economy in Haliburton, but so is the tourism industry, not to mention the livelihood of people living near pits/quarries.

Hearty thanks to the many people who signed our petition letter, the total number in support shows that people are concerned.

Peter and Marie-Claire Warden
Minden

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IN OTHER WORDS

Welcome!

IF YOU ARE A NEWS JUNKIE, as I am, you are probably reeling at the latest story to rock the Internet. Of course, I am speaking of the new welcome screen implemented by AOL for their customers.

Here's one story that didn't fly under the radar – of the AOL News section, at least. Admittedly, when it first arrived on my computer screen a mere two weeks ago, I, and perhaps millions of others, didn't think it was such a big deal. Luckily, the folks at AOL showed me the error of my ways by providing me with around-the-clock coverage ever since. There hasn't been a moment in the past two weeks – and the six prior to its arrival – that I haven't been reminded of the life-altering significance of these major superficial changes at AOL. Now, finally, I know that convenience is right here at my fingertips.

No doubt, some hardened newperson

at AOL is being considered for a Pulitzer Prize for the intense, hard-hitting and sometimes-eloquent coverage this huge human-interest story is attracting. Thank goodness too; if not for this reporting, I might have never grasped how historic and important my new welcome screen was.

The folks at AOL did not drop the ball. In fact, they've included the coverage of their new welcome screen alongside all the other big news stories of the day. For instance, when oil started spilling out in the Gulf of Mexico in perhaps one of the worst environmental disasters of all time, the news of AOL's new welcome screen was right there next to it, with a headline only just slightly bolder.

When all hell broke loose in Thailand, I, and other keen readers, were provided the option of reading about that bloody, dramatic revolt or getting a much-needed update on the new AOL welcome screen. I'm sure I don't have to tell you where my valuable reading time was directed.

Even now, as the news of the mysterious signals from the Voyager II satellite is being disclosed to the public, I can still learn more about all the thought and

effort that the good folks at America On-Line put into the new welcome screen. And, like all

of you, I am profoundly grateful.

Incredibly, this news has not made the big papers or been included in major



BEYOND 35

Steve Galea

news network coverage thus far. We even missed the story in this paper, so I'm assuming heads will roll in the editorial department soon. Yes, AOL somehow managed to scoop everyone on this – just like last time when they updated their emoticon selection.

The message here is that if you are looking to learn more about the subtle differences between the new welcome screen and the old one, you'll just have to browse AOL for up-to-the-minute coverage.

For once, I feel completely informed of the events happening in the world around me. That's because when I mentioned this story to several of my friends, not one was even remotely aware of it. Suddenly, I was one asking if they had been living in a cave for the past few weeks. And then I began divulging the big news.

Hey guys, you're welcome.

TheOutdoorLife@aol.com

A joy, not a nuisance

COTTAGERS ASIDE, Canada geese may be Haliburton's most important renewable resource and they hardly existed here barely a generation ago.

Now, they take care of the renewable part with their perfect little families. Their economic importance lies in our reluctance to share the perfect habitat we have created for them.

We build barriers of plastic snow fence, let creeksides and pond edges grow wild barriers, hire chase dogs and defend our boundaries with surveyors' tape.

And yet they find weaknesses in our fortifications. Humans wring their hands in despair for nobody wants to walk barefoot where geese have walked before.

Civilized Haliburton's aversion to goose droppings has grown into a phobia but more than mere squeamishness is involved; there are health and pollution issues.

But for those of us who prefer our Haliburton with a spoonful of wild, the loveliness of mom and dad and their little ones working their way across a lawn is more than worth the mess they leave behind.

Before a creekside lawn I know got its annual wrapping of surveyors' tape, two families share its bounty, four goslings in

one family, five in the other.

Mom and the babies graze while dad stands watchful guard. When the babies move, they make a scrambling procession, one parent leading the parade, the other bringing up the rear. Or they form a box, an adult on each side.

Evolution frees up goose and gander for guard duty. Songbirds have to leave their nestlings to find food for them, but goslings feed themselves from the start.

If sheep could fly, they would be geese, for both are grazing species. A flock of either will keep your lawn neat and trim and fertile, so long as you don't mind their fertilizer.

The two goose families on the creek-side lawn seem to form a little flock, the grownups comfortable with one another but keeping their families at a respectable distance, their territories diminished to a moveable few square feet.

From behind a picture window, I watch two siblings squabble over choice bits of green and a third sneak in to steal the disputed foliage. One gosling wanders off,

then rushes back to join the parade when it moves on. Another baby limps, lurching painfully with each step.

The Brown Dog Jiggs sleeps in the sunshine pouring through the window. When I lean and reach to pet him, my movement raises an alarm and both families retreat. When I stand up, they pile over the bank and into the creek where they float and feed in the same family cluster as on land.

It's not clear to me why a retreat to water is good strategy. On land, a Canada goose is a fearless defender of its fam-

ily. I've heard of it breaking a man's arm. In water, goslings can be tugged underwater and drowned by turtles or fish.

All of my sources say it should be too early in the season for the parents to be flightless. Moultling is supposed to take place in June, but everything is so far ahead of itself this year, mom and dad may already be grounded. It will be another 10 weeks before their children can fly.

The family will stay together until next spring. Mom and dad are the very models



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

of wedded bliss; they stick to their marriage vows until death does them part.

Geese are on the front line of the war between man and nature. We make perfect homes with them on our waterfront lawns and parks, or, to the south of us with sprouting fields of new-sown grain. Then we are surprised when they move in.

We all need to take a deep breath. We should rejoice that they are here.

A lifetime ago, Canada geese were all but wiped out in Southern Ontario by over-hunting and our part of the Canadian Shield was just about the last part of the province to be re-populated.

Only a generation ago, this was flyover country. Back then, the maps in my old edition of *The Breeding Bird Atlas of Ontario* showed that nesting was unusual here.

Now they're back and we should celebrate their presence, for if we can't live with Canada geese, if they're only a nuisance to us, we can't live with nature.

*A collection of Neil Campbell's columns, *Cell Phones and Sap Buckets*, will be published this summer.*

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Move meetings to evenings

To the Editor,

Regarding the article May 5 on the Minden Hills public meeting re: water tower cost.

I find it very convenient for the town to hold their meetings during the working day, so working people such as myself cannot attend.

I have a vested interest in this matter. I am a taxpayer in Minden, I am a resident

of Lutterworth Pines and I am also running for town council Ward 2 (Lutterworth) in this year's elections.

When do I, or my neighbours, who work for a living, get to have our say?

So far we have not.
Thank you,

Craig Birchall
Lutterworth Pines, Minden

What is the real vision for 2010?

To the Editor,

Vision 2010! What really does it really mean?

According to the reports it means a campaign based on financial accountability, economic development and engaging the community led by our present councillor from Ward 2.

Perhaps the real vision for 2010 is to take over control of our seven-person town council in order to be able to have the unfettered ability to do what they want, how they want, to whom they want, when they want in any way they want to? They would have the ability to change bylaws, tax rates, user fees, water rates, allow variances/severances or deny them and so much more. This would last for four years and there is nothing any of us could do to challenge them on any of it.

The Vision 2010 campaign wants to do what we do with less. I feel this means cuts to municipal services or to staff. The township staff are the most important asset we have and I believe in services being provided in an efficient manner, but will not support service or staff cuts.

The Vision 2010 economic development plan want people to drive through the centre of town instead of staying on the Highway 35

bypass. People who live here year round or seasonally will come in to town when they need to and those that are passing through will tend to do much of their business on the bypass if they stop at all.

From May to October and often on an average Saturday the downtown area of town is very active to the point where finding a parking spot is not always easy. On Canada Day every year the downtown area is always busy with a great crowd. Music on the Gull is also well attended when the weather cooperates. We should look at promoting more main street events that will draw more people to the centre of town, but those events should be in cooperation with our business owners not in competition with them.

The Vision 2010 group wants to hold more town-hall style meetings. Why has it taken their leader 3.5 years to make this a priority? Perhaps because this is an election year?

As property owner of Minden Hills I am proud that six generations of my family have contributed to and continue to love every minute of every day that they spend within the boundaries of Minden Hills.

**Richard Bradley – Candidate for
Minden Hills Council, Ward 2
Moore Falls**

Fallen tree causes power outage

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

A power outage that affected many residents of Haliburton County last week was caused by a fire, according to Hydro One.

Residents throughout Minden Hills, Highlands East, Dysart et al and Algonquin Highlands were without electricity for up to four hours starting at approximately 10:30 p.m. on May 11.

In all, almost 6,000 residences were affected, according to the electricity provider.

Hydro One spokesperson Danielle Gauvin said a pole fire had started somewhere in Minden Hills, likely as a result of tree falling

on the cables.

She said Hydro One crews were dispatched to the site to deal with the problem.

"Our control centre knows if there is a problem," Gauvin said.

While the fire was put out quickly, she said the delay in getting the power back on stemmed from the fact the fire had caused damage to the wiring in the cables.

Gauvin said the hydro company uses helicopters equipped with infrared technology to detect line problems out in the bush and in the near future, the company will be outfitting its lines with microchips that will allow it to pinpoint a problem as soon as it occurs.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In the matter of Section 45 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended and in the matter of Zoning By-law No. 06-10 as amended.

File No. MV A02/2010 (AMENDED APPLICATION)

Part Lot 6 and 7, Concession 8, Township of Minden, 1112 Fairfield Bay Drive, MOUNTAIN LAKE, Applicant: Cameron JOHNSTON

Purpose: Originally the applicant was proposing to increase the width and length of an existing boathouse. In addition to that request, he has amended the application to request a variance for height of 1.2m as well. Boathouses were permitted under a previous by-law but are no longer a permitted shoreline structure. Section 45(2) of the Planning Act allows consideration for variances provided such use was permitted at the time that By-law 06-10 was approved. He is requesting the following variances:

1. To increase the width of an existing boathouse from present width of 3.65m to 4.27m; and
2. To increase the length of an existing boathouse from present length of 6.1m to 10.97m; and
3. To increase the height of an existing boathouse 1.2m.

File No. MV A07/2010, Part Lot 8, Concession 13, Township of Minden 1196 Crooked House Road,

Applicant: Mike RATCLIFFE and Irene CHARTRAND

Purpose: The applicant's are proposing to construct an accessory building (garage) in the front yard in a Rural Residential (RR) Zone. As per Section 4.1.3 of By-law 06-10 accessory buildings shall not be erected in any of the required yards or closer to the street line than the principal building on the lot. The following variance is requested:

1. From Section 4.1.3 to construct an accessory building 6.1m from the front yard; a variance of 8.9m.

File No. MV A08/2010, Part Lot 9, Concession 1, Township of Lutterworth, 1256 Morgan Trail, DAVIS LAKE,

Applicant: D. MORGAN, Agent for J. Milovanovic

Purpose: The applicant is proposing to construct an addition to a legal non-complying dwelling unit that is located closer than 23m to the front lot line. The addition will increase the lot coverage by more than the 25% permitted in the by-law. The following variance is requested:

1. 8% - From Section 4.7.4 v) to increase the coverage of the legally non-complying building by more than 25%.

File No. MV A09/2010, Part of Lot 27, Concession 4, Township of Lutterworth 1038 Moore Lake Estates Road, GULL RIVER

Applicant: Ted FRIESEN

Purpose: The applicant is proposing to construct an addition to a legal non-complying dwelling unit in a Shoreline Residential (SR) Zone that is located closer than 23m to the front lot line. The addition will be higher; lot coverage of the legally non-complying building is more than permitted; and a deck will be closer to the front yard than permitted. The addition will be closer to the north side yard than permitted. The following variances are requested:

1. 6.7m from Section 5.2, Table 2 to construct closer to the north side yard;
2. 17.6m from Section 4.7.4 ii) to construct closer to the front lot line;
3. 2m from Section 4.7.4 iii) to construct higher than permitted; and
4. 37.2% from Section 4.7.4 v) to increase the coverage of the legally non-complying building by more than 25%.

File No. MV A10/2010, Part of Lot 13, Concession 13, Township of Minden, 1045 Shady Lane, TWELVE MILE LAKE

Applicant: Martha KERR

Purpose: The applicant is proposing to rebuild an existing legal non-complying dwelling unit in a Shoreline Residential (SR) Zone that is located closer than 23m to the front lot line. The building will retain the 2.4m setback from the north side yard and retain the front yard setback of 15m but a portion of it will be higher than permitted and lot coverage will be more than permitted. The following variances are requested as per the application:

1. 1.7m from Section 4.7.4 iii) to construct higher than permitted;
2. 80% from Section 4.7.4 v) to increase the coverage of the legally non-complying building by more than 25%

HEARING DATE: MONDAY, MAY 31, 2010

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE AND ADDRESS: Municipal Council Chambers
7 Milne Street,
Minden, Ontario.

ANY PERSON may attend the public hearing and/or make written comments to the Township of Minden Hills either in support of, or in opposition to the proposed minor variance.

NOTICE OF DECISION - A copy of the decision of the Committee will be sent to the applicant and to each person who appeared in person or by counsel at the public hearing and who has filed with the secretary-treasurer, a written request for notice of the decision.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding this application will be available for public inspection at the Building and Planning Department for the Township of Minden Hills, during normal office hours.

Dated this 19th day of May, 2010

(Ms) Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM, ACST
Secretary-Treasurer
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Meetings and Events

May 22nd 8:00 – 11:30 a.m. Household Hazardous Waste Day (Scotch Line Landfill)

May 27th 9:00 a.m. Council

June 2nd 7:00 p.m. Canada Day Advisory Committee meeting

June 11th 9:00 a.m. Finance Meeting – Council Chambers

June 24th 9:00 a.m. Council



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Exhibiting to May 29 Agnes Jamieson Gallery

Twenty-five fibre artists from across North America have created works for this exhibition. From sculptural to painterly to installations this leading edge exhibition addresses all of the visual arts elements – all in fibre.

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre and the Highlands Brass Academy present the first annual Beat Beethoven Fundraising Run (and WALK!). Combining sport and the arts in a fun and exciting way: the runners and walkers line up, the gun goes off, and the Highlands Brass Academy starts playing Beethoven's 5th Symphony! The goal is for the runners to make it back to the finish line before the Symphony finishes!

Race Day: July 4th 2010 Race Time: 9:00 am

Go to www.mindenculturalcentre.com for downloadable registration form, pledge forms, route maps and more details.

For more information on any of these events go to www.mindenculturalcentre.com or 705-286-2808.

NOTICE
Pursuant to the Township of Minden Hills' Procedural By-law, there will be only one Council meeting during the months of June, July, August and September. There will be no Committee of the Whole/General Committee meetings held during this time.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ATTENTION: MINDEN WATER SYSTEM USERS

Hydrant Flushing

Weeks of May 10th and May 17th, 2010

In order to improve the quality and service of the water system, OCWA and Township of Minden Hills staff will be conducting a hydrant and main flushing program from May 10th to May 21st, 2010. This procedure will help remove accumulated rust from the mains which could result in temporary discolouration of the water.

It is recommended that all customers check their water for discolouration prior to use each day as discolouration of laundry, etc. could occur.

Thank you for your co-operation

If you experience other problems with the water, please contact the Municipal Office at (705) 286-1260 ext 216

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 34(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001 c.25, as amended that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday May 27, 2010 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

1. File No. 08-07

Applicant – **William and Jo-Ann KILLEEN**

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake, lying in front of Lot 21, Concession 4, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-9087, registered March 9, 2010.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department of the Township of Minden Hills, 7 Milne Street, during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 19th day of May, 2010.

(Ms) Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM, ACST
Planning Administrator

NOTICE

Please visit www.mindenhill.ca/Elections for complete up-to-date notices from the Township on the upcoming Municipal Election 2010.

NOTICE

This is to keep everyone informed that "the Stimulus Funding Project, which includes summer use of the snowmobile bridge, the Riverwalk pathway/kiosks/landscaping, the Bobcaygeon Road reconstruction and the wetlands boardwalk, respectively, will be under design and construction for the 2010 year."

Minden Hills Museum Open for the Season!
On Saturday May 15th the Museum reopens for the 2010 season, Tues-Sat 10 am – 5 pm.

All our historic buildings have newly updated displays highlighting this summer's theme "Fibre Works," featuring rarely seen artifacts from our collection. For more information. Contact Caroline at 286-354 or go to mindenculturalcentre.com.

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Haliburton COUNTY news

Library to launch user survey

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Haliburton County's library board is embarking on a massive user survey of its eight branches in an attempt to make the libraries better suited to their patrons.

Board members made the decision at a May 12 meeting at the Stanhope library.

"The question really here is what are we going to do with eight branches?" Bessie Sullivan, the county's chief librarian, asked the board members.

The county owns and operates the new Minden Hills and Dysart libraries, along with branches in Cardiff, Dorset, Gooderham, Highland Grove, Stanhope and Wilberforce.

The Minden Hills and Dysart libraries, which both opened in 2009, have all the amenities of modern libraries and see patrons of all ages.

The county's smaller branches, however, seem to have narrower demographics and the county could start doing a better job of catering to those demographics, Sullivan said.

"Here [in Stanhope], it's almost all adult leisure reading [that is borrowed]," she said.

So, at Stanhope, perhaps the county could expand its adult fiction collection by reducing the size of some of its other sections.

Board member and Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Tom Gardner wanted to know how the huge user increases at the county's two newest and largest branches were affecting numbers at its smaller



Haliburton County's chief librarian, Bessie Sullivan, in green, gives members of the county's library board a tour of the Stanhope library during a meeting on May 12. The county will be conducting user surveys at the libraries to see that needs of patrons are being met. /Photo by Chad Ingram

libraries.

The number of people coming through the doors at both the Minden Hills and Dysart facilities has nearly doubled since the new buildings opened their doors.

Sullivan said that patron numbers at the county's smaller branches have actually increased as well, in what she thought was a "trickle-down effect" from the larger branches.

"People are clueing in that they can use both," she said.

Sullivan said it would take at least a couple of years through user surveys to clearly establish trends.

In the meantime, she said she is hoping cosmetic and utilitarian upgrades can continue to be made at the small branches.

For example, metal shelving recently brought to Stanhope from the old Minden Hills library has increased Stanhope's shelf space with no cost to the county.

Sullivan said she has approached Algonquin Highlands about providing money for two armchairs and a coffee table for the Stanhope building, which could greatly increase the number of people who came in to use the facility's wireless capabilities.

A larger and more expensive renovation project will be ensuring that all branches have proper wheelchair access, which the province has mandated for 2025.

Some cutbacks the province is considering could be bad news for the county's libraries, Sullivan said.

"We stand to lose \$73,000 [a year]," she told the board. Currently, the county's libraries receive \$110,000 a year from the province, or about 15 per cent of their total funding, Sullivan said.

It is possible that measures such as reducing operating hours may have to be made in the face of cutbacks, she said.

Sullivan said the province is considering cutting funding in rural libraries and increasing it in big cities.

There are 388 library boards in Ontario.

Some good news is that by consolidating and cancelling a bunch of phone, fax and Internet services at the libraries, the county is saving approximately \$7,000 a year in communication expenses.

While the county currently charges a nominal fee to lend out books to other library systems, the board passed a resolution that it would discard these fees for municipalities that wished to enter into

"The question really here is what are we going to do with eight branches?"

BESSIE SULLIVAN

reciprocal borrowing agreements with Haliburton County.

The board also resolved that it would form committees to create new policy manuals for the county's libraries. Sullivan said hits on the county library website have increased and that more people seem to be using its online browsing capabilities. She said though she is still fighting to get users to understand that Haliburton County's libraries are one library with eight branches, rather than eight separate libraries. All of the resolutions passed by the library board must be passed by Haliburton County council before they can officially proceed.

Tourism town hall attracts 100 business leaders

by ANGELICA BLENICH
Times Staff

Just in time for the summer season to begin, tourism stakeholders throughout the county gathered at the Haliburton Legion on May 12 to discuss the direction of the industry.

Dubbed a tourism town hall meeting, the event was organized and facilitated by Sally Moore and the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

Moore kicked things off by welcoming everyone to the meeting and addressing the issues affecting tourism in the Highlands.

"In front of me I have a room full of movers and shakers," said Moore as she addressed more than 100 people who attended the meeting. "Your expertise is what's important."

To understand tourism and the way it affects Haliburton County, director of economic development Bob Smith outlined some of the county's tourism initiatives and the money spent on marketing and promoting the Highlands.

"One of the keys to understanding your tourism market is by targeting your client base," said Smith. "One of the ways in which this can be done is to facilitate exit surveys to those who come and visit."

Another important issue Smith raised during his presentation included a cross-county branding initiative to take place.

"We need to incorporate the Haliburton Highlands logo on everything," said Smith. "Whether this goes on your website, your brochure or advertising, it's important to have that distinctive image visible."

A later survey of the group found that 79 per cent did not use the logo on their promotional materials.

Smith also addressed questions swirling around the tourism regions, announced by the province back in December. Since the original announcement, Haliburton County has been regrouped into region 11 along with the Ottawa Valley.

"Funding for the tourism regions will total \$40 million and will be split throughout the province," explained Smith. "All of the regions will receive a base amount of \$500,000. Region 11 is looking at receiving funding in the area of \$850,000 annually."

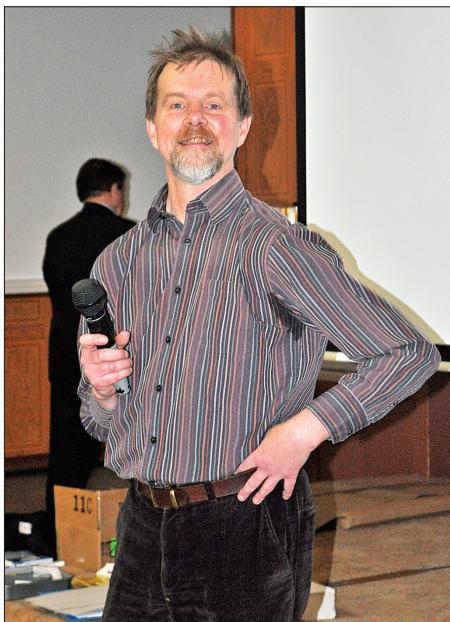
Those in attendance were then asked to compile a list of qualities that makes the Highlands unique. This list included lakes, Algonquin Park, nature, the scenery, the School of the Arts, community spirit and volunteers.

Moving ahead, participants were asked to suggest ways in which the tourism industry could be improved.

Some of the suggestions included writ-



Participants had a chance to express ideas and concerns through a brainstorming activity that required suggestion to be written down and then posted on the wall. Suggestions were categorized based on which jurisdiction they fell into.
/Photos by Angelica Blenich



Jim Blake, of HCDC, was the primary facilitator of the town hall meeting.



Sally Moore, of Sunny Rock Bed and Breakfast, welcomes all those in attendance.



There were lots of suggestions on the board from attendees of the meeting.

ing a catchy regional song, creating more publicly accessible washrooms and inviting travel writers to the area.

Before the meeting wrapped up, Moore proposed a final challenge to everyone in the room.

"I want all of you to say Haliburton Highlands to 10 people sometime today," said Moore. "We have to get our own house in order first."

Organizers of the event, Moore and Jim Blake of the Haliburton County Development Corporation, both agreed the amount of information that resulted from the meeting was invaluable.

"To have more than 100 people attend is fabulous," said Moore. "There was a real unified voice here, which will allow us to work in-house first before we disseminate out into the world."

"I was pleased with the turnout," said Blake. "I think that just proves how important this was to people."

"I'm very happy with how today went. I'm proud to live in Haliburton and be a part of this group that cares about our county. This is just a start of many more things to come."



Angelica Blenich/TIMES

One of the works of art, titled "Healthy Basket," featured a variety of fruits and vegetables made out of paper maché. The art was created by Ms. Kennedy's Grade 2 class at Stuart Baker Elementary School.

Colour your plate

by ANGELICA BLENICH
Times Staff

Food and art can go hand in hand, especially when the partnership benefits a local charity aimed at providing nutritious meals for children.

The Colour Your Plate exhibit, underway at the Art Hive, aims to do just that by pairing up local artists in a multi-disciplinary art exhibition and fundraiser for Haliburton County's Food for Kids program.

The exhibit features pieces of art created around the theme and colour palate of food. From paper maché fruits and vegetables to



"Marshmallows" was the name given to the egg carton filled with a dozen assorted hand-dyed yarns. The yarn was dyed and donated by artist Kim McBrien.



Hand-crafted bowls were on display at the Art Hive as part of an exhibit called "Empty Bowls." The art is part of an international effort that has been uniting potters and communities with issues of food security.

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Church honours emergency workers

by GEORGE FARRELL
Special to the Times

We are fortunate in Haliburton County to live in a beautiful area free from war and many of the natural disasters that some peoples in other places are faced with. Yet we are complacent at times, and there's a tendency to take for granted things we should give thanks for.

Those are some of the sentiments that Tom Parish felt three years ago when he got to thinking that the combined emergency services personnel deserved to be recognized by his church and the public at large.

"The police, firefighters, ambulance paramedics and hospital emergency personnel all go about their business quietly, without a lot of fanfare," Parish says, "and their contributions deserve to be recognized, not taken for granted. One day a year we should stop and say thanks."

And so it came to be.

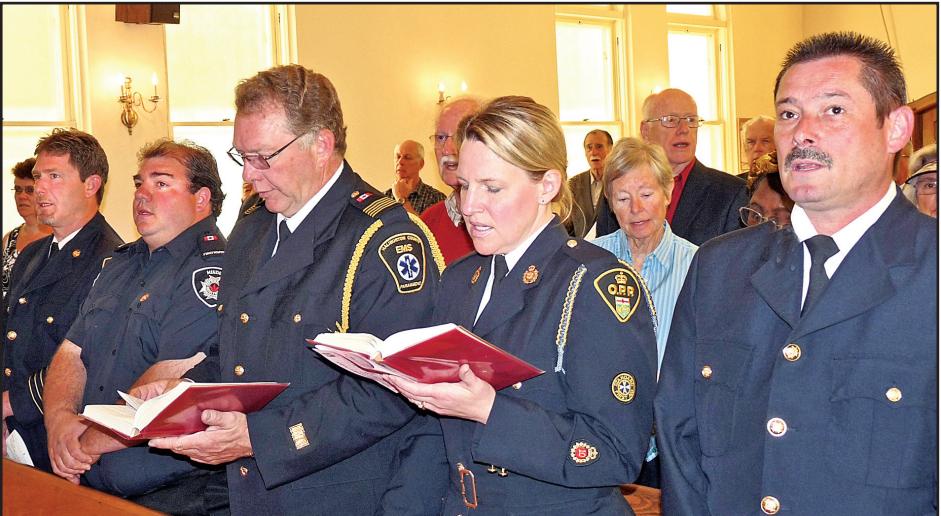
Sunday, May 16 saw the third Emergency Services Appreciation Sunday take place at the Minden United Church. With repre-

sentatives from the OPP, firefighters and ambulance sectors in attendance, proudly wearing their uniforms, the congregation under the guidance of Reverend Max Ward, sang out their praises.

The Reverend Ward, through scripture, sermon and song, chose the theme of "oneness" to convey the concept of how the EMS works as an entity to bring the care they offer to us all. "Their different gifts are used to love serve and protect," Ward said.

He went on to touch on such topics as the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and the tragedy in Haiti. In reference to special guest Mma Nzeba from the Congo, he alluded to the strife in that country. He asked the congregation to pray for peace for regions at war and to pray for local people who still need help after receiving initial assistance from EMS services and personnel.

Ward's words resonated with Tom Parish, and he vowed that next year the Emergency Services Appreciation Day would be a bigger event, which would engage more of the general public.



Doug Schell, left, from the Minden Fire Department, Barry Thompson, MFD, Pat Kennedy, EMS, Sandy Adams from the Haliburton Highlands OPP division, and Don Strombey from the MFD sing along with the congregation of the Minden United Church. /Photo by George Farrell



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County prepares itself for emergency with mock disaster

by ANGELICA BLENICH
Times Staff

A severe windstorm has just struck Haliburton County and every municipality has been affected.

This is the situation brought to life during a mock training exercise that county officials and municipal staff members were presented with at the Minden Community Centre on May 17.

The exercise was aimed at teaching those in charge with how to deal with a countywide disaster.

Organized by the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) team, the exercise forms part of each community's overall program and strategy for emergency readiness and response. It is structured to allow officials to practice emergency roles and responsibilities in response to a series of simulated emergency events that impact the municipalities and its residents.

During the day, members from all four municipalities, as well as county officials, met at the community centre and worked in teams to strategize and organize their responses to the crisis at hand. Each municipality was presented with unique circumstances and difficulties, which they

were expected to overcome.

Following the training component, members of the media were invited to partake in the event, affording the municipality the opportunity to further their emergency preparedness. Each community was asked to select an individual representative to present a prepared statement, outlining emergency procedures and the municipality's plan of action. Each press release explained the situation at hand in great detail and specified the emergency information and procedures for the public to adhere to.

Questions were asked following the presentation of press releases. Media officials asked about emergency specifics, as well as what lessons were learned by county staff during the exercise. Suggestions were also made in how they could improve their strategy should a similar situation arise.

EMS official Pat Kennedy concluded the presentation by thanking all those who participated.

"I think we've realized there are some communication issues that we can work on," said Kennedy. "One thing we've all learned is there's not enough resources or people. We've identified some glitches which we've got to work on."

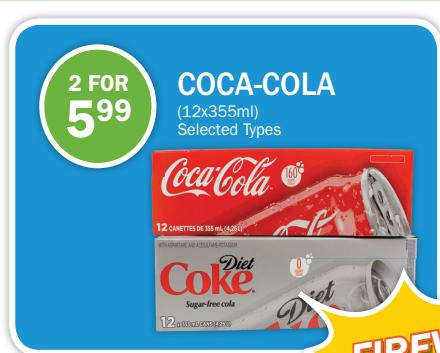


Officials from all four municipalities were on hand in Minden on May 17 for a countywide emergency preparedness exercise. Municipal staff members, such as councillors, fire personnel and emergency medical services personnel, were taught specific tactics in handling the crisis at hand during a mock emergency situation. /Photo by Angelica Blenich

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Representatives from each municipality were selected during the exercise to receive training on how to handle media inquiries during an emergency situation. Seen from left to right, Jim McMahon, Suzanne Partridge, Dave Burton and Carol Moffatt /Photo by Angelica Blenich

Dorset Lifeliners to the rescue

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

For more than 40 years, the Dorset Lifeliners have been cooking food for the community's bereaving families.

"We're a non-profit, volunteer catering group, is probably the best way to describe it," says member Joanne Buss.

The Lifeliners started up some time in the early 1960s, with a group of women from Dorset's United Church and soon expanded to include women from the Anglican Church.

Buss joined after moving to the area in 1974.

While the Lifeliners are still technically a committee of the United Church, Buss says the group really operates outside the auspices of any religious organization.

"People all throughout the community participate in it," she said.

The group has prepared meals for a number of different community events over the years and throughout the 1970s, they even prepared regular bimonthly meals for the Dorset Lions.

Now, with a shrinking and aging volunteer base, Buss says the group concentrates mainly on catering funeral receptions for local families.

"When you're in that situation and you're grieving and you're trying to deal with all that [it can be overwhelming]," Buss says.

The Lifeliners charge nothing for

the cold lunch they provide – it usually consists of sandwiches, salads and cheese and vegetable trays.

Buss said that often families do make donations in return for the service and that money the Lifeliners donate back to either the United and Anglican churches or community events, such as the Dorset Snow Ball.

With just five or six core members, Buss says the Lifeliners have been having a difficult time attracting new volunteers in recent years.

"I don't know if it's the pace of life," she says of the problems with finding new recruits, adding that nowadays it's common for both mothers and fathers to work and that for families living in Dorset, taking their children to extracurricular activities can mean a commute to a surrounding community.

In the meantime, the Lifeliners keep doing their thing. Last Sunday the women were at the Dorset Recreation Centre preparing a funeral luncheon and Buss said she thought the township might be catering a community lunch in early June.

Buss says she couldn't even wager a guess at just how many hundreds or thousands of meals the group has prepared over the decades.

"That's kind of a soup sandwich," she says.

To find out more about the Lifeliners, contact Mildred Everest at 766-0335 or Shirley Sturgess at 766-2738.



The Dorset Lifeliners from left, Marilyn Roche, Joanne Buss, Janice Hones, Joan Delaney, Shirley Ann Sturgess and Gail Hope. The Lifeliners were on hand at the Dorset Community Centre to help prepare food for a funeral. /Photo by Angelica Blenich



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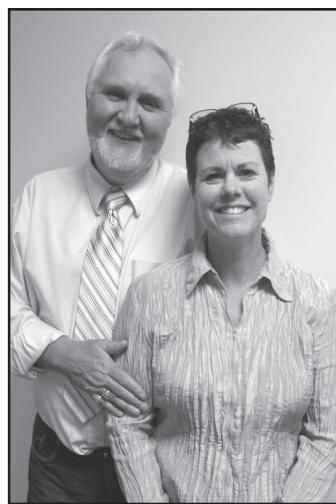
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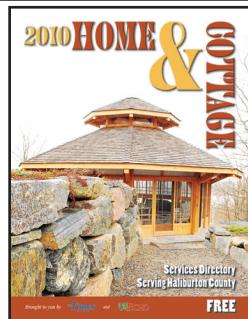
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Junior girls' soccer team battle hard to tie Brock

The following are brief sports reports compiled by Judi Paul's HHSS class.

Friday, May 7

The junior girls' soccer team battled back twice to tie the team from Brock with a 2-2 score. Goals for Haliburton from Maia O'Sullivan and Chrissy Shaw.

The senior girls' soccer team were defeated by the team from Brock.

Monday, May 10

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The senior girls' soccer team played a good game, but were defeated by the team from LCVI.

The junior girls' soccer team played a very strong game defeating LCVI by a score of 1-0. Scoring for Haliburton was Maia O'Sullivan.

Wednesday, May 12

The senior girls' soccer team played a great season finale against St. Thomas, ending the game in a 1-1 tie. Special mention to Jenny Woolacott for her excellent goaltending.

The junior girls' soccer team lost to St. Thomas by a 2-

1 score. Scoring for Haliburton was Chrissy Shaw.

Thursday, May 13

The track and field team had a great day at the Kawartha championships.

Hats off to all the relay teams who braved the weather and ran great races. Athletes of the day included Andrew Murray, Matt Rae, Drew Paul, Sam Tallman, Ali Hicks, and Brigitta Hicks, who won first place honours in individual events.

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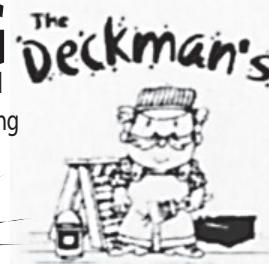
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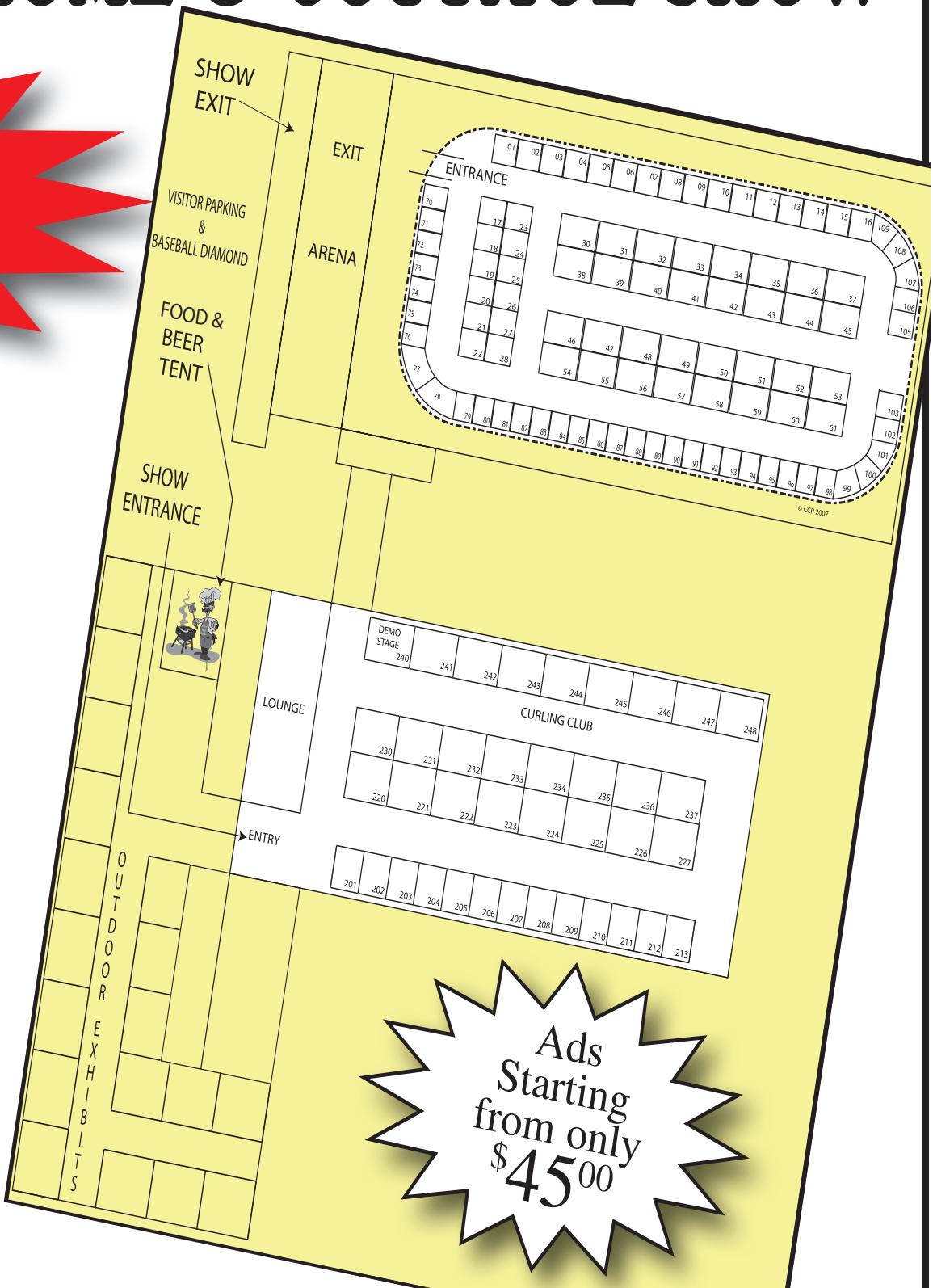
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Ball hockey league looking for newcomers

by ANGELICA BLENICH
Times Staff

Just because the snow has melted doesn't mean hockey season has ended in Haliburton.

Thanks to a new initiative, a summer ball hockey league has officially begun, taking place every Saturday at the Dysart arena.

The league is being offered through the All Canadian Hockey School (ACHS), and is a non-profit community-based program.

The league currently offers four divisions, Tyke, Novice, Atom and Peewee, but is looking to expand next year providing the demand exists. The program includes regularly scheduled games on Saturdays from the beginning of May, ending in July.

There is also a celebration planned for the end of the season, complete with awards, pizza and pop.

Organizer Peter Thyrring says although close to 60 kids have signed up there is still room for more.

"We're still in need of younger players," said Thyrring, "so people are still welcome to sign up."

Open to both males and females, those who are already part of the league say it's a great way to continue playing hockey and improve your skills after the winter is over.

For more information or to register for the league contact Stacy Parish at 457-5157 or email achscanada@gmail.com.



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The Haliburton County ball hockey league is open to kids in Tyke, Novice, Atom and Peewee divisions, both boys and girls.

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Red Hawks athletes excel at Kawartha competition

by JERRY GROZELLE
Special to the Times

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School will be well represented at the COSSA track and field championship in Belleville this week. The top eight finishers in each event at the cold and rainy Kawartha event at St. Peter's Secondary School in Peterborough Thursday earned a berth in the Central Ontario meet.

Blake Aylsworth finished third in the junior men's 100-metre hurdles and eighth in the 300-metre hurdles.

Vicky Bukta placed fifth in the junior women's 100-metre dash and third in the 200-metre dash.

Rachel Burk finished eighth in the senior women's triple jump.

Sara Comer was seventh in the midget women's 300-metre hurdles.

Brady Cowan placed fifth in the junior men's 400-metre dash.

Mike Dack finished sixth in the junior men's shot put.

Marcie Dick placed third in the senior women's 100-metre dash and fourth in the 200-metre dash.

Lisa Dunn finished third in the senior women's 1,500-metre run.

Damon Flatman placed fifth in the ju-

nior men's 200-metre dash.

Greg Foster was fourth in the junior men's high jump and second in the pole vault.

Nick Freeman placed fifth in the senior men's shot put and fourth in the javelin throw.

Thomas Giguere finished seventh in the junior men's 1,500 -metre run and seventh in the 300-metre hurdles.

Sandy Griffith placed second in the midget women's long jump and third in the triple jump.

Ali Hicks was first in the midget women's 200-metre dash, first in the 80-metre hurdles and second in the 300-metre hurdles.

Brigitta Hicks finished first in the midget women's high jump, second in the 80-metre hurdles and second in the triple jump.

Tessa Iles was first in the junior women's pole vault and fourth in the discus throw.

Jesse Lefevre was first in the senior men's long jump and fourth in the triple jump.

Nicole Mazara placed fourth in the senior women's 400-metre hurdles.

Alex McMaster finished second in the senior men's 110 -metre hurdles and

fourth in the 400-metre hurdles.

Andrew Murray was first in the junior men's 100-metre hurdles, first in the javelin throw and third in the 300-metre hurdles.

Drew Pal finished first in the senior men's 110-metre hurdles, second in the 400-metre hurdles and third in the long jump.

Kieran Poropat took third in the midget men's pole vault.

John Rae placed eighth in the junior men's discus throw.

Matt Rae was first in the senior men's discus throw and second in the shot put.

Jessica Rider placed third in the midget women's high jump and fifth in the discus throw.

Puru Shah was sixth in the junior men's 100-metre hurdles.

Carley Shaw placed second in the junior women's pole vault and third in shot put.

Dylan Smith was fifth in the junior men's 800-metre run and sixth in the 1,500-metre run.

Sam Tallman was first in the junior women's discus throw, third in the javelin throw and fourth in the shot put.

Dillon Upton finished eighth in the junior men's triple jump.

Tiffany Van Lieshout placed fifth in the senior women's triple jump and sixth in the discus throw.

Christianna Walker was third in the senior women's 400-metre hurdles, fourth in the 100-metre hurdles and fourth in the pole vault.

Brandon Yake was eighth in the senior men's shot put.

Brett Yake was seventh in the junior men's javelin throw.

Zane Zondervan took second in the senior men's discus throw and third in the pole vault.

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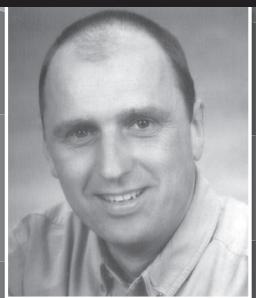
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Uruguay to Haliburton, painting all the way

She's the artist formerly known as Noelia Marziali, who prefers the single moniker Noelia. That's just one of the interesting things about this vibrant young personality who has emerged on the arts scene over the last couple of years.

Noelia was born in Uruguay in 1984 and moved with her family to Mississauga when she was just two years old. She grew up in Brampton and Caledon where she attended Mayfield S.S., an arts-based high school. She took courses in sculpture and photography, but quickly gravitated to painting, which has remained her favourite form of expression.

Upon graduation in 2000, Noelia jumped at the opportunity to attend the Academy of Art College in San Francisco. She had previously entered a contest and won free tuition.

"I was only 17," Noelia recalls. "It was my first taste of living on my own, and I was learning by meeting new people, in a city full of culture."

She was subsequently accepted at the Ontario College of Art and Design in 2003, but left after just six months in order to travel abroad with a boyfriend. "It was a life on the road," Noelia says with a knowing smile, "absorbing culture and WWOOFing."

WWOOF is an acronym for willing workers on organic farms.

"They give you room and board in return for work. We worked on farms in Portugal and Holland and we also travelled to France, and Morocco."

After the whirlwind three-month tour of Europe, Noelia and her friend moved back to Canada, this time for a two-year stint in the Okanagan Valley in British Columbia, and some more WWOOFing just north of Vancouver Island.

"I always had my sketchbooks and I was constantly sketching and writing," Noelia says. "I had my art supplies shipped out and I started to paint again." After some time living in a van the couple found an old abandoned house overlooking the ocean, where they stayed without heat and hydro, for six months.

"It was my most intense course ever," Noelia says of

her time painting and living the pioneer life. She had to cut wood for heat, and she stayed alone for a two-week period while the boyfriend visited his family back in Ontario. Noelia lived for six months in the seaside house, and then made the trip back to Ontario with boyfriend, cat, dog and rabbit in tow.

It wasn't long before she found herself WWOOFing again – this time in Rosseau, Ont., where she lived for a year and a half, working seven days a week, taking care of the garden and some horses.

"There was little time for art, but when I could I painted in the barn at night. I loved it, and my dream studio would be a barn with a sea view."

Eventually Noelia had enough artwork to take a space at an outdoor show in Dorset in 2006. It was there that she met Lisa Barry and Erin Lynch, who had started up the Art Hive on Highway 118, at Maple Lake.

"They told me about Haliburton and the School of the Arts, and they sparked my interest in the arts community here and the idea of going back to school," Noelia says.

"On a whim we moved to Haliburton, near Eagle Lake, and we both got jobs right away. I started working at the Ethel Curry Gallery, and I still do work there part time."

She also works at the Heritage House Café and The Art Hive during the summer months.

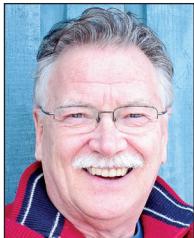
Noelia attended some landscape and portrait classes at Fleming, and also took a business for artists class, but pressures eventually caught up with her, so she went home to Mississauga for three months in order to recoup her energy and figure out what she wanted to do with herself.

The Highlands must have seeped into her blood, because Noelia was soon back teaching kids how to paint at the School of the Arts.

The boyfriend had moved on.

"I'm feeling a lot more focused on painting now," she says, "and I'm finally getting somewhere with technique, and trying to find my own voice and style, as they apply to landscapes and figures."

Interesting



People

george farrell



Noelia Marziali has travelled the world working and painting and finds her home in Haliburton.
/Photo by George Farrell

Noelia is important to the arts scene as part of a solid and growing core of younger artists.

"I want to get across the underlying energy of everything in my work," she says. "I don't want to do a straight portrait. I try to capture the emotion and bring my subjects to life with bold emphasis on line and colour. It's circles and cycles, the earth and the sun."

Noelia is part of a two-woman show at the Ethel Curry Gallery in July and her work can also be seen at the Art Hive.

She's working on a piece for an upcoming juried Canadian Landscapes show at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden.

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Mystery at Black Rock

Column by Steve Galea
Photos by Angelica Blenich

The ordeal began shortly after I submitted the third installment in a hard-hitting, six-part investigative report on Haliburton County's lucrative, underground turnip-waxing scene. Once again, I concluded it doesn't exist and never has.

Despite this, editor Jenn Watt seemed less than impressed.

"What's the point of investigative journalism if there's nothing to investigate?" she asked.

"Want me to do an investigative series answering that question, chief?" I asked.

"No," she said flatly.

"Care for an unwaxed turnip then?" I replied. "I've got tons of them."

The answer again was no. But, if you can believe it, Watt had something far more interesting in mind – a real mystery that needed solving. One that had plagued her for countless seconds, ever since she read the brochure.

"Have you ever heard of Joe's Black Rock?" She posed – this time with her hands on her hips and her eyes gazing off into the distance.

"Yes," I said. "It's a big grey rock formation just off



Jenn Watt and Steve Galea examine some black socks they find while trying to solve why Black Rock isn't black at all.

the Rail Trail, near Kinmount."

"Then why do they call it Black Rock?"

"A colour blind cartographer?"

"Unlikely," she said.

"They named it at night?"

"Perhaps," she said. "All I know is that there's going to be a Friends of the Rail Trail Sunday Ramble to Black Rock on May 23 of the Victoria Day weekend. And, unless we solve this, people – good people – might get confused!"

"You're not giving people enough credit," I said. "In any case, this Sunday Ramble, what day of the week is it going to be held on? My Saturday is all tied up..."

Less than an hour later, Watt and I were on the Rail

Trail, just off of Boundary Road walking towards Black Rock. Reporter/photographer Angelica Blenich was also there to record it for posterity.

Watt, ever the investigative journalist, walked ahead sniffing around for any sort of clue or "lead," as we're apparently supposed to call it, that would explain this daunting mystery.

Minutes later, she found it.

Here's where you had to give her credit too. Her keen, discerning investigative eyes had found something subtly out of place, something almost insignificant that someone of lesser investigative talents might have missed altogether. Actually walked right by, in fact.

"Hey why are these new black socks hanging from this tree?" she asked.

"Tree? What tree?" I yelped.

How she noticed them, I'll never know.

But it was true. A pair of brand new black socks was hanging there.

"Notice anything unusual?" She posed – now pointing both index fingers off to the side and winking at the camera.

"Yes," I said. After all, it was blatantly obvious. "Those socks are actually matched. How weird is that?"

"No, I meant phonetically. Black socks, Black Rock?"

"I don't follow," I answered.

She then speculated that perhaps this was all one big typo and the Ramble listed in the brochure was actually meant to go to Joe's black socks. Of course, it all made perfect sense.



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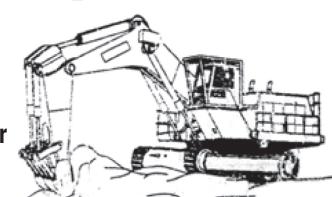
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Could it be Joe's black socks?

But some minor detail was gnawing at me. I think it was the huge rock formation looming in the background.

"There it is Jenn!" I yelled. "Joe's Black, but actually greyish, Rock!"

Watt was more confused than ever. "Then what about these socks?"

"I think those socks were placed there to throw us off the scent," I said.

"But who would do that?"

Suddenly, Angelica blushed.

"I figured if you found those socks and reported the Joe's black socks theory, people would be less confused," she said. "And I would have got away with it too, if it wasn't for you meddling kids."

Watt and I just looked at her.

"I'm sorry," she said. "I'm a big Scooby Doo fan."

We then walked the extra few steps to Joe's Black Rock – which, as I said, is mostly grey.

"Maybe Angelica's right," I muttered. "The rock's description is totally confusing. People will hike right by it and end up in Haliburton eight days later. This could be a disaster."

Luckily, that's when I remembered that I always carry a can of black spray paint with me. I shook it up and was ready to fix things just right when a voice from above called out.

"Steven, don't you dare spray paint this historic rock!"

"God? Is that you?" I whimpered. "If so, I'm really sorry about that time..."

"Up here dummy!"

It turned out that the voice belonged to Pamela Marsales, one of the organizers

of the Rail Trail Sunday Rambles. And she was sitting on a ledge above us for some unknown reason.

It was a lucky break too. God notwithstanding, Pam was the next best authority on the Rail Trail. So I continued in my most reverent voice.

"How will people know this is Joe's Black Rock?" I wailed. "Show me a sign."

Marsales pointed. And lo and behold, it turned out there was a sign about 50 yards down the trail that said, "Joe's Black Rock Landing."

And just like that, the mystery of Black Rock was solved. Between you and me, Watt looked impressed.

Now if I could only find a good turnip waxing lead...

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Steve Galea wants to spraypaint Black Rock black but Pamela Marsales steps in to stop.

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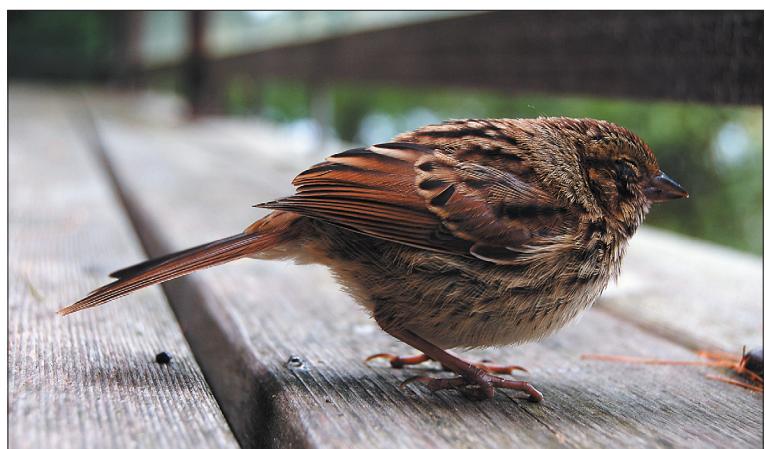
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How will our wildlife handle changes in climate?
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What's in store for Haliburton's wildlife?

Column by Irene Heaven

Lately, we have been inundated with information and images of melting polar ice caps, receding glaciers and the demise of the polar bear. We have been warned for many years about the potential results of our excessive lifestyles, yet now we are faced with the reality ... climate change is upon us. It saddens me that in my lifetime the majestic white bear of our north may cease to exist – my world changed forever.

Still, polar bears live in the far north and without the photographs and video clips it is easy to let our attentions drift back to our "safe" and familiar backyard. Therefore, it's important to understand that Haliburton County will also experience change.

Change is not necessarily new to this rugged and beautiful land and the wildlife that inhabit it. With the heavy logging and farming of the late 1800s and subsequent fires, the landscape transformed from mature and old growth forests to open fields and early successional forests. As a result we created habitat for species such as deer and their predator, the eastern wolf, thereby replacing the native moose and eastern gray wolf. The forest industry is still strong in Haliburton, but today we harvest in a more sustainable manner and the mature shade tolerant forests have returned along with some of the land's

historical fauna such as moose.

So when we talk about climate change in the county of Haliburton... what is the big deal? There have been changes in the past and there is still good biodiversity in the area. The difference this time is that through development we have fragmented the available habitats, increasing the stressors affecting our flora and fauna. The number of rare and endangered species has continuously grown, with habitat loss as the greatest contributor. Therefore, local extirpation from one habitat may mean an extinction of the species.

Climate change is going to cause an increase in the overall temperatures within Ontario: hotter summers, shorter winters, increased evaporation from our land and water systems and more extreme weather events such as snow/ice storms, heat waves, droughts as well as sudden severe thunderstorms and tornadoes (sound familiar?). With this change in climate, there will be a change in growing seasons, habitat features and stressors to the natural environment resulting in a gradual shift of Ontario's ecozones. The mixed-wood forest ecosystems, such as our Great Lakes/St. Lawrence Forest Region, will shift northward. For the native species of Haliburton, climate change is essentially habitat loss.

Changes to the wildlife community

Deer will thrive

will be more immediate. Moose, a magnificent mammal well adapted for deeper snow and colder temperatures will no longer find comfort in the Haliburton Highlands and will need to migrate north to get away from the warmer climate which has become the norm of this area. In their place, deer will thrive on the warmer temperatures and lack of snow depth.

And what about species that cannot readily pick up and leave? The county of Haliburton is renowned for its diversity of lakes and the biodiversity they support. Warmer temperatures and the possibility of increased evaporation will change water levels and lake temperatures, changing the aquatic environments of many lakes. Some coldwater lakes may no longer have the characteristics required by their inhabitants. Unique strains of lake trout, locally known as the Haliburton Gold and Silver, thrive in some of Haliburton's coldwater lakes and are not found anywhere else. Climate change will threaten the existence of these special fish.

Migration patterns will also be altered: timing, stopovers and routes. Migration patterns are usually cyclic, specific and predictable, having evolved over thousands of years they are initiated by various cues such as day length and temperature. These cues may be altered through a change in climate, interrupting the well-timed departure and arrival of migrating species. Wildlife rely on instinct to find their way from one habitat to another. Climate change may alter these habitats too quickly and instinct may guide these species to areas which no longer provide the essentials for them to survive. For example, resident songbirds may begin nesting earlier than before, giving them an advantage over the migrants in terms of available resources; a delicate balance broken.

In terms of our flora, the beautiful white-fringed orchid comes to mind. In the county of Haliburton, this beautiful species of orchid is known to exist in only one bog. With changes in water fluctuations, the stagnancy of the bog will be threatened, thereby altering the acidity and oxygen content of that wetland. Such changes will likely be too severe for the white-fringed orchid and this species will be lost from the county.

Unlike past alterations to Haliburton's landscape, the changes that are to come with climate change will occur relatively at the same time. In this instance there won't be untouched "patches" of habitat for species to seek refuge. All habitats, from our forests to our wetlands to our lakes, will be affected.

The combined changes brought about by habitat fragmentation and the affects of climate change are going to have an effect on wildlife species across the



board: plants, trees, mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles, fish, insects and so on. Some species, the generalists, will survive. They will have the tenacity to make do with what they find until they establish themselves again in "greener pastures." Other species, the specialists, have very specific requirements and will not be able to adapt fast enough. There will be a shift in the types of species and there will be a loss of species resulting in a decline in the County's overall biodiversity. The essence of Haliburton County is going to look and feel different. Perhaps to some this doesn't seem too important but when our "familiar" backyard is not so familiar and we have lost some of the natural treasures of this beautiful country, I think we will all be saddened to some degree.

Is there hope? Yes – there has to be hope! We need to ensure that climate change does not lose its rightful place in the spotlight and do everything we can to curb the effects. This will involve thinking beyond our immediate selves, beyond our current lifestyles. There is a real benefit to living with nature instead of trying to live outside of its limits – we are connected. Our choices and actions do make a difference, let's start making good ones.

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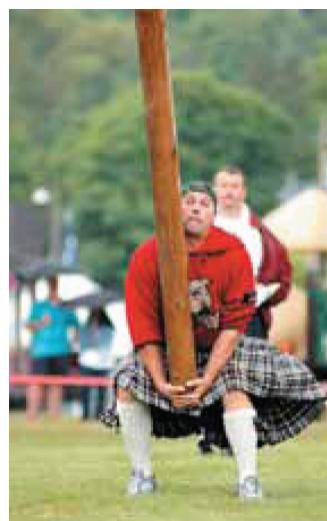
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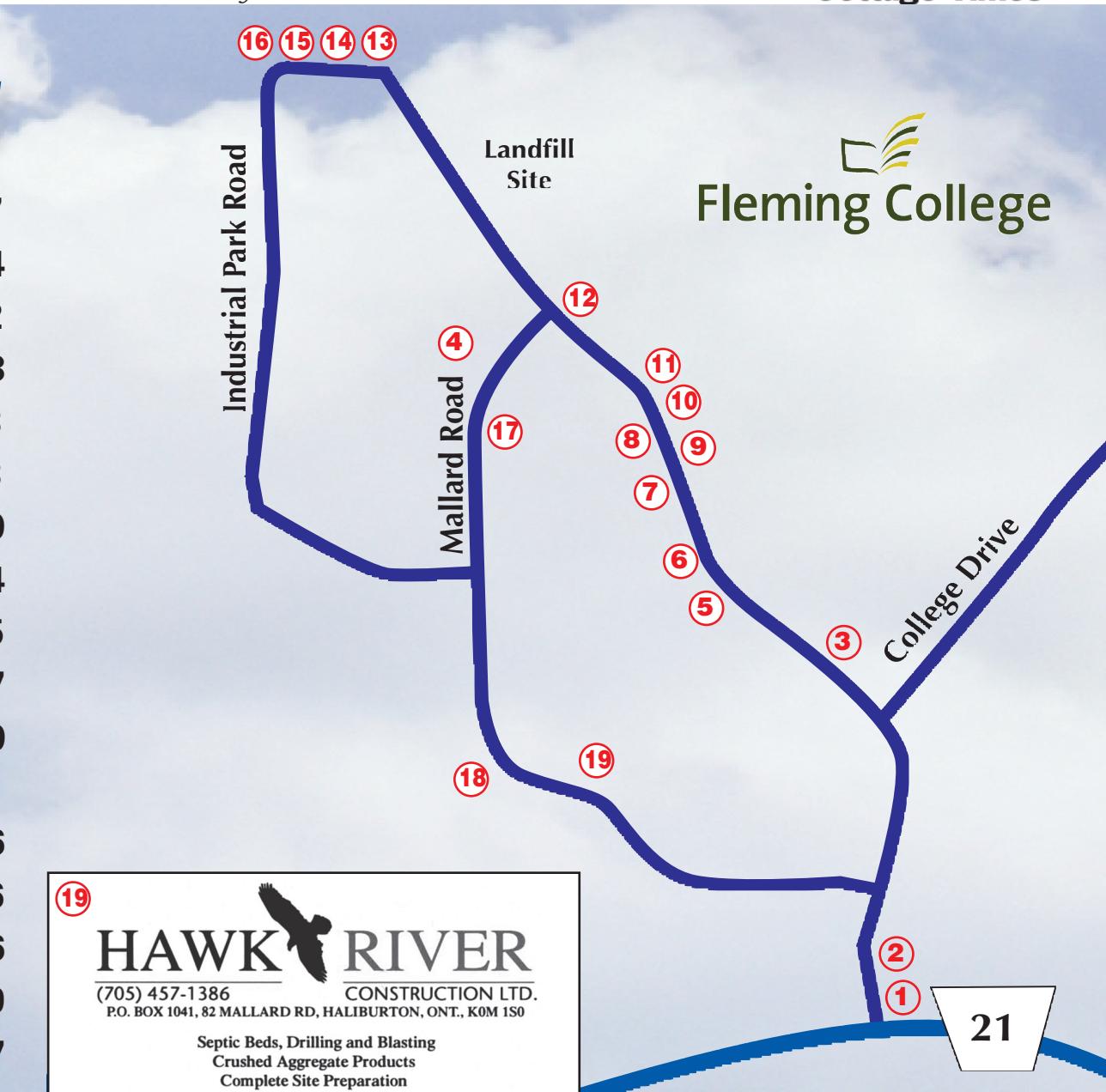
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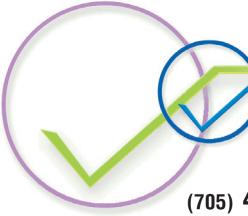
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Gervais Vignola, left, Marion Willemsen and Leeshia Barwick will be three of the vendors at the Kinmount Farmers' Market. The market is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year.





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Farmers' market celebrates

Column and photos by Chad Ingram

This year, the Kinmount Farmers' Market is celebrating its 10th anniversary and now, more than ever, its vendors are trying to convey the benefits of eating locally produced food.

The first market day this season will be on Saturday, May

22 and the market will set up shop each Saturday at Austin Sawmill Heritage Park until Thanksgiving.

First utilizing the space that is now Minden's Village Green, the market moved to Kinmount's Main Street and then to the park, where it's been located for the past several years.

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Meet the beautiful man at the market

meals concocted from the foods being sold at the market.

"There will be really beautiful man next to a barbecue," said Gervais Vignola, referring to himself.

Seated at the dining room table of market president Marion Willemsen last week, Vignola, a former Toronto-based television producer, said he wanted to show people that there is enough food produced locally to create balanced, nutritious and delicious meals.

"When you're eating a sausage, what is the effect on the environment?" he asked rhetorically.

Commercial pork production, largely because of the emissions involved in the creation of pork feed, is one of the most environmentally damaging farming activities, Vignola said.

He said one of the first dishes he plans to cook up would include locally produced, small-farm pork.

After becoming cognizant of the environmental and ethical issues associated with large-scale farms – emissions, use of pesticides and fertilizers, animal cruelty – Vignola began buying locally produced meat and produce and has been doing so for a number of years.

"I decided to put my values where my mouth was," he said.

He hopes others will do the same, "buying from places where the people are happy, the animals are happy and there is concern for the environment."

Vignola said he wished that people would not view food just as a commodity, but as something that is central to our social wellbeing.

"There is not anything without food," he said. "Food is part of the celebration."

Willemsen, who keeps bees and fowl at her Galway Road home, said she tries to make sure the foods sold at the mar-



ket are from within a 100-kilometre radius from Kinmount, with a few exceptions.

"You're not going to get [local] peaches," she said.

Leeshia Barwick, who possesses a penchant for ecological justice, recently moved to Galway Road where she works on an organic farm.

"I moved here to grow food," she said simply.

While many of the market's clientele are cottagers, Barwick said she thought it was crucial for area residents to use the market as well.

"For me, it's really important to get a lot of locals," she said. "Local has to keep local alive."

The market, which typically has 10 to 15 vendors on any given Saturday, sells more than just local meat and produce.

There are also fresh baked goods, quilts, embroidery, herbs, perennials and annuals, preserves, crafts and jewelry, honey and beeswax candles, maple syrup, leather goods, wood carvings and hunting gear.

Willemsen said new vendors are always welcome and can call 488-2612 for more information.

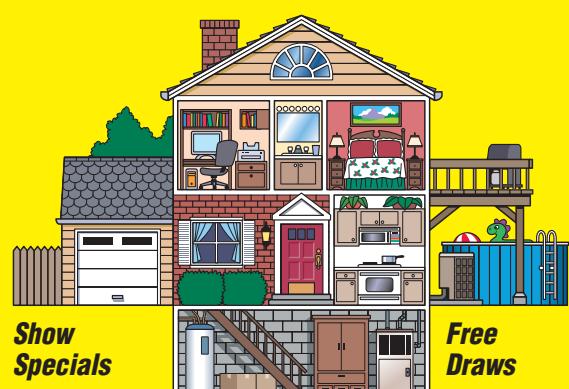
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I just won the lottery, don'tcha know

Well if I didn't just win the lottery, don'tcha know. Here I am writing my very own column about life, the universe, the whole pudding from my hilltop cottage in Lake WhaddyathinkImean... and it sure feels like winning the lottery to me.

You see, nothing puts a smile on ol' Maybelle's face better than telling stories.

Real stories about folks who live right here in Lake W, like Twindle Mumbly who owns the B&B and Taxidermy, don'tcha know.

Why just last week, Twindle got so flustered at the Lake WhaddyathinkImean Balls-a-Flyin' Bowl-to-Swim-athon (he kept tripping over his glow-in-the-dark shoe laces, and dropped the bowling ball on his foot) that he threw HIMSELF down the alley, and if he didn't strike down all five pins with his HEAD.

Yep, ol' Twindle was determinated to help raise money for our much-needed community swimming pool, and if he didn't raise the score board 257 more dollars.

Maybelle's



Fireside stories

What Bogart? Bogart's my bear, don'tcha know. It's what? It's SNOWING?

Well cats to fishes, it IS snowing. And just last week Morty McTishin from the Hatchery got blisters on his scalp driving his old Studiebaker convertible down Main Street. I betcha my daffydills aren't feelin' too daffy. What flower do you know likes gettin' snow on her face?

Bogart! You got 10 more minutes on eHarmony, and that's IT! ... Bears these days.

Now if yer wondering how ol' Maybelle came to be a storyteller, it seems it just came natural-like. Why my mama used to say: The day Maybelle was born, she popped out telling stories about how dark it was in there, how my belly needed air conditioning, and how my taking hula lessons in my trimester made her seasick.

As you kin see, Mama could spin a perdy good tale herself. So could my Auntie Fester, mama's sister, who also did some real good Astro Illogical readings, don'tcha know.

Why, the way she'd tell what the universe had in store for somebody, you'd think you were in Star Wars, Gone With the Wind, and Moby Richard, all at

the same time.

Well, Mama and Auntie Fester inspired me to thinking out of the Bisquick box, too, don'tcha know. They'd say: Maybelle, any squirrels or turtles talk to you today?

And wouldn'tcha know it, now I have a bear who talks to me all the time.

You see, Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom, who likes inventing things, made a thought/voice synthesizer tam o'shanter hat that Bogart wears soze we can kin hear what he's thinking. And oh boy! if Bogart doesn't have a crush on Lindsay Lohan, don'tcha know.

As for storytelling – ol' Maybelle's been telling stories on her homegrown radio show, Fireside Stories, from Lake WhaddyathinkImean. And now I'll be storytelling right here in this column.

Why, did you know Madame Yolenska YerSoDenska held a séance that reunited Twindle Mumbly with his deceased pet ant, Fluffy? And Vilma Yuccch fell into a vat of indelible shocking pink dye the day before she met Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom's parents for the first time.

Then just the other day an Inukshuk talked to me. That's right. And I'll tell you all about it next time.

'Til then, keep smiling.

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. You can hear Fireside Stories on 100.9 CanoeFM or at Maybelle's blog at firesidestories.com.

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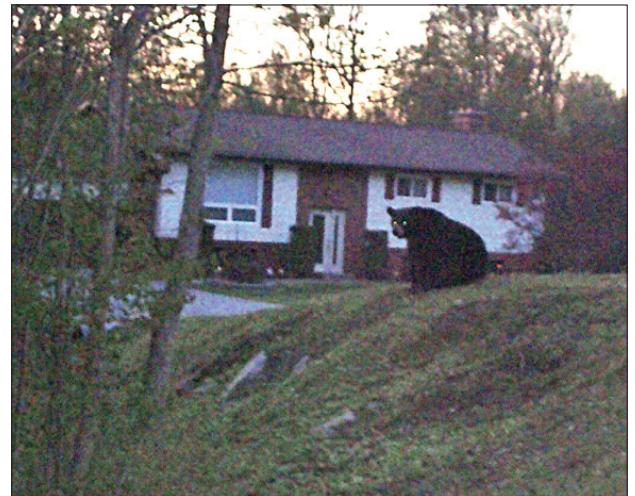
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Brian Whetstone was visited by two gentle giants outside his office in Stanhope.



Laurie Curry had an uninvited guest in the yard this week.

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Nature book grows from friends' mutual love of camping

By Jenn Watt

It was the perfect place to hatch a nature book.

Sitting around a fire, deep in the woods of Algonquin Park, journalists and school buddies Doug Bennet and Tim Tiner started talking.

Wouldn't it be great to have all of the information from the bird guides, bug guides, tree guides and park literature combined into one volume? It would have to be something the general public would read – something that gave interesting tidbits to the seasoned naturalist and beginner camper alike.

"We thought, wouldn't it be great if there was a book that just did that. And Doug was the one that said, why don't we just write it?" Tim Tiner says.

"We went back to the city and couldn't find anything that focused on Ontario and had a little bit of everything. We said, well, why don't we just do it? We put together a book proposal and it seemed to strike a chord right from finding a literary agent to contacting pub-

lishers and when we finally got the book published it really took off," he says.

Twenty-one years later, the duo has published three such books: *Up North*, *Up North Again* and, just this month, *The Complete Up North*. (They've also written a similar book for the American audience and another book on city life.)

The Complete Up North, which combines information from the first two and includes new details on plants, animals, rocks and heavens, looks much like a field guide with illustrations and technical facts.

How it diverges from a field guide, however, is in its style.

"We sort of tackled it from the point of view of trying to answer the common questions about all those things that people have: How many times can a bee sting you? How old are the rocks in the campfire?" Tiner says.

Entries include topics ranging from the birth of the Canadian Shield to the physics behind rainbows to curiosities

about crayfish.

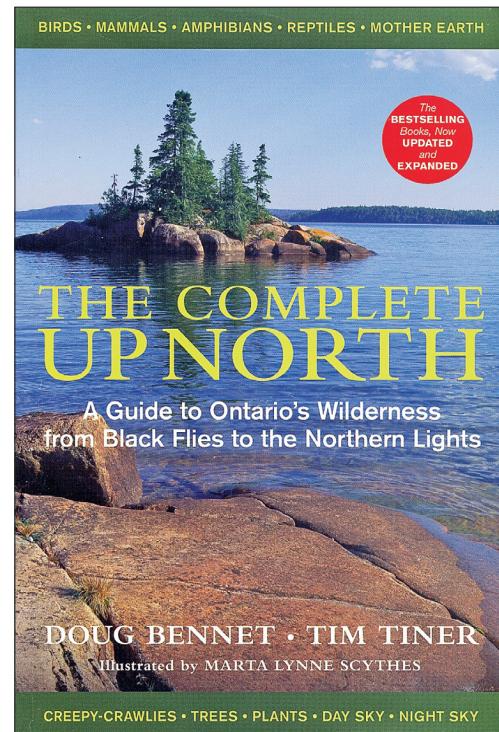
Both Ryerson University grads and active journalists, their style geared to a mainstream, rather than specialized, audience.

"We're not really expert birders or expert in any of these fields, but we just like seeing a little bit of everything," he says.

Illustrations for the book were done by Haliburton School of the Arts instructor Marta Scythes, who created intricate black and white images of everything from the wood frog to the speckled alder.

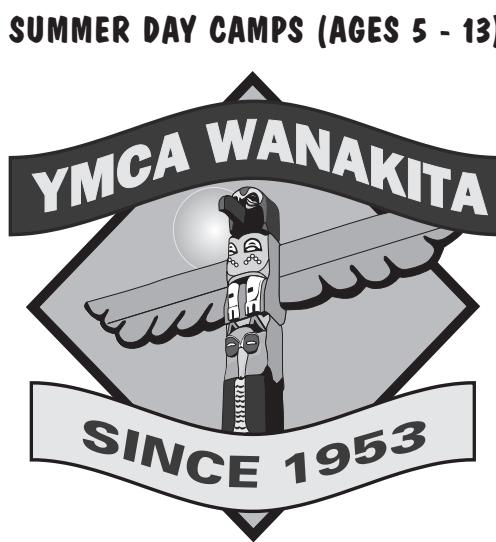
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It was 300 hundred metres, I estimated, to the old beaver pond. Three hundred metres to where it emerged from its egg and lived, for perhaps a year or more, in an entirely different incarnation – as an underwater naiad, a ferocious predator of tiny, aquatic life.

In those days, it hunted lesser life forms, larvae, mayfly nymphs and midges for the most part, even minnows if they were small enough. Then, when the time was just right, it was guided by a primordial urge to crawl up from the muddy bottom onto an emerald stalk of marsh grass, emerging, for the first time, into the fresh air. There it split its outer husk and unfurled incredibly complex and beautiful wings, mounted on a body design that, though ancient, rivaled anything modern aerodynamics had to offer.

It was a beaverpond baskettail: a type of dragonfly common around here. And yet it was no less beautiful or mysterious, for all that familiarity.

It sat stone still as a hunter does, perched in the middle of the open hardwoods on the wide, silky-smooth leaf of a wild leek. Out of place yet elegant, it waited for the warming rays of the sun to inspire a new hatch of insects, I suppose. Or perhaps it was staking out a territory and waiting



The beaverpond baskettail dragonfly will capture as many as 600 black flies a day. /Photo by Steve Galea.

for a mate.

Dragonflies, such as this, always make me happy. They're the vanguard of spring – a welcome sight on fishing rod tips, boats and warm rocks. They swoop down like the cavalry and hover nearby when the bugs get bad. Each will capture as many as 600 black flies a day with ingenious gangly legs that converge into a deadly, inescapable bug basket. Terrifying jaws, which inspired their name, then effi-

ciently consume the prey within.

They, along with bats, flycatchers, frogs and a few others, are God's insecticide, if you will – natural, wholesome and completely effective. Good for the earth, rather than disruptive and poisonous, in fact – a minor miracle if there ever was one.

I took some photos and let it be. And I continued on in my quest to find a morel or two. Instead, a few steps later, a woodcock flushed, almost at my feet.

Like the dragonfly, the woodcock is another gypsy – a wanderer of the lands that requires the right habitat to fill its unique niche in the ecosystem, as an aerator of soil and a harvester of worms. Like the dragonfly, it launches with powerful wings that are well adapted to its role; it uses its specialized, long bill, to probe for food. I haven't yet had the opportunity to photograph a woodcock in flight or on the ground. They're either blending in or a blur. This one was no different. It took off for parts unknown on twittering wings.

Like so many other species, the dragonfly and woodcock are seasonal visitors to this landscape. They're glorious opportunists that follow the food and habitat and prefer the wild places that are still in abundance here.

Like blue birds and swallows, they too serve as canaries in this coal mine of ours. Dragonflies require clean water; woodcock cannot probe for worms or build nests on concrete.

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An enthusiastic group of rugby players is making the best of a very short season. /Photo by Jerry Grozelle

Athleticism, speed and heart

by JERRY GROZELLE
Special to the Times

Rugby is a varsity sport at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Coach Ryan Merritt admits there are some shortfalls in Haliburton that other schools don't have to deal with.

"This is the second year I've coached rugby at HHSS, and there is a strong interest in rugby among boys and girls," Merritt said. "When I arrived this semester, after teaching at Fenelon Falls for a semester, the boys were itching to get training and getting the rugby ball back in their hands. Unfortunately, the rugby coaching expertise and availability at HHSS is not as prominent as the interest, so I've only run a varsity team for boys this year. Our

track record this season does not reflect the efforts and commitment the boys have put into the season."

Among the team's attributes, Merritt lists athleticism, speed and heart. On the other side of the ledger, he says all of the other schools in the Kawartha region, and beyond, have access to senior rugby clubs in the off season. "Rugby is a May phenomenon in Haliburton," he said.

Among the notable moments from this year's season was a 15-5 win over Crestwood at the 2010 Norwood District High School tournament. Merritt says the highlight of the previous season was the team trip to see Canada play Wales at York University.

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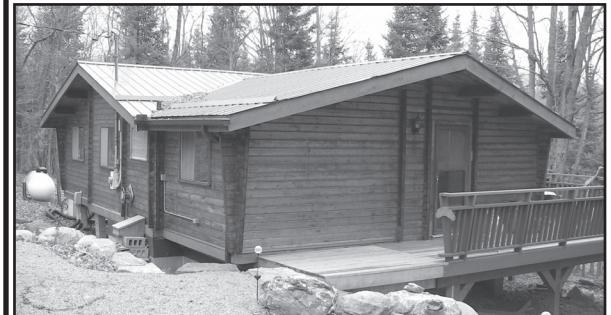
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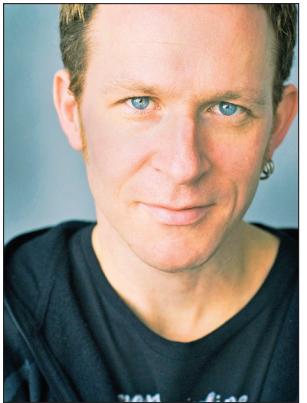
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Brigitte Gall opens for Jason Fowler May 22 at the Haliburton County Folk Society show at Johnny Burke's Carpenter's Inn. /Submitted photos

Jason Fowler and Brigitte Gall hit stage

On Saturday, May 22, the Haliburton County Folk Society is presenting singer/songwriter and monster acoustic guitar player Jason Fowler. Opening for Fowler will be Haliburton's own Brigitte Gall.

All of this is going to happen in one of the nicest venues in the county ... Johnny Burke's Carpenter's Inn. Some of you know that Burke has put a theatre in his house with a stage, lights and a sound system. The room is a beautiful, wooden ceiling, sweet sounding space. It will be a new venue for the Folk Society and we are looking forward to seeing Fowler and Gall there.

Tickets are \$20 and \$15 for youth and Folk Society members and available at The Photo Shop in Haliburton and the Haliburton Highlands Copy Shop in Minden. To reserve tickets call 754-3655.

Jason Fowler's latest recording, Buckets Of Rain, was released in 2009. It was recorded at his home studio and is a collection of his favorite songs that he's been singing for most of his life; songs by Mississippi John Hurt, Blind Blake, Doc Watson, Bob Dylan, Arlo Guthrie, John Prine, Bruce Cockburn, Murray McLauchlan, Gordon Lightfoot, Tom Waits and Hoyt Axton.

A two-time winner at the Walnut Valley National Guitar Championships in both the fingerpicking and flatpicking categories, Fowler is acknowledged as one of Canada's most gifted guitarists.

He has toured with Irish tenor John McDermott since 2001. He is a member of The Anne Lindsay Band and has also accompanied April Verch, Amy Sky, Marc Jordan, Susan Aglukark, The Cottars Quartette, Susan Crowe, Nana Mouskouri, Murray McLauchlan, Brent Titcomb, Ian Tamblyn, Jory Nash and many other artists in Canada's roots music community.

Brigitte Gall is known to many of you either through her work on the Comedy Network or her TV series Me, My House and I. She now makes her home in Haliburton County.

In her own words: "Brigitte Gall will be bringing her unique brand of observational humour to the stage. A child of the '70s where Ginsu Knives and High Karate reigned supreme, Gall hails from the small Saskatchewan farming community of Creelman. Population 101. Former actor, comedienne – Brigitte and her husband Michael have just bought a 100-year-old house on the Gull River. Brigitte's career has taken a neck snapping turn and she is now focusing on being a mother to two small girls, writing less film and television scripts and more literary work. She has set her sights on running for Minden Hills council as an active and avid supporter of the arts, families, agriculture and eco-tourism."

Residents declutter for a cause

On Saturday, May 15, Royal LePage Lakes of Haliburton hosted the National Garage Sale for Shelter at 10 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden in support of the Royal LePage Shelter Foundation, a program dedicated to ending violence against women and children in communities across Canada.

Local residents joined realtors, brokers and administrative staff to donate household items for the sale, with all proceeds generated supporting Canadian communities including Haliburton County.

Items for sale included everything from books, clothing, electronics, exercise equipment and other assorted household items. The sale attracted crowds of bargain hunters and raised an impressive \$2,063.95 for our local YWCA women's shelter – Haliburton Emergency Rural SafeSpace, and violence prevention and education programs throughout Ontario.

More than 125 communities across Canada took part in the sale.

"Money raised from each garage sale

will support local women's shelters," says broker, Patti Johnson. "This not only provides the Royal LePage Shelter Foundation with much-needed financial support but it also raises awareness about domestic violence."

Organizers Vicki Sisson and Patti Johnson would like to thank everyone who donated items, and attended the sale, and to all of the admin staff, brokers and realtors of Royal LePage Lakes of Haliburton, and the staff and volunteers from the YWCA Haliburton County office for their help in making the event a success. Also, a big thank you to the following sponsors for their generous support: Minden Rent-All, TD Canada Trust Minden, AMJ Campbell Moving Co. Barrie, Easton's Valu-Mart, Dollo's Foodland, Tim Hortons Minden, Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre, Stedman's Minden, Moose FM, Canoe FM, The County Voice and Communicator, Haliburton Echo and Minden Times.

This year, with the help of the commu-



nity and TD Canada Trust (national presenting sponsor), Atlas Van Lines Canada (in-kind moving and transportation sponsor) and Advance Commission Company of Canada (major event sponsor), we raised even more money and awareness than ever!

The National Garage Sale for Shelter raises funds in support of local shelters and helps restore hope to more than 30,000 women and children across Canada. Since 1999, the Royal LePage Shelter Foundation has donated more than \$10 million to charities and has become Canada's largest public foundation dedicated exclusively to funding women's shelters and violence prevention programs. All proceeds from the Garage Sale go directly to the cause

because Royal LePage underwrites 100 per cent of the administration costs. It is actually the only Canadian real estate company with its own charity, empowering realtors and brokers to give back to the communities that they serve.

"We are proud of our offices who have worked so hard to hold this community event and we will continue to make charitable contributions in neighbourhoods where we live and work," said Sandra Diaz, executive director of the Royal LePage Shelter Foundation. "We believe a home should be a place of safety, security and comfort and the Shelter Foundation provides a safe haven and new beginnings for Canadian women and children," says Diaz.

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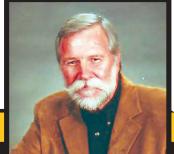
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Event
Plant Sale
Bowlation for YWCA
Rotary Annual Dinner & Auction
Family Cycling Event
Haliburton Highland Genealogy Group
20th Anniversary/Open House
Haliburton County Fair Beef BBQ
Gymkhana
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Rotary Summer Festival
Canadian Landscape Juried Exhibition
Highland Yard
Trunk Sale

Location
Gazebo in the Village Green
Bowlation for YWCA
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Community Centre
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Fairgrounds
That Place in Carnarvon
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Fairgrounds
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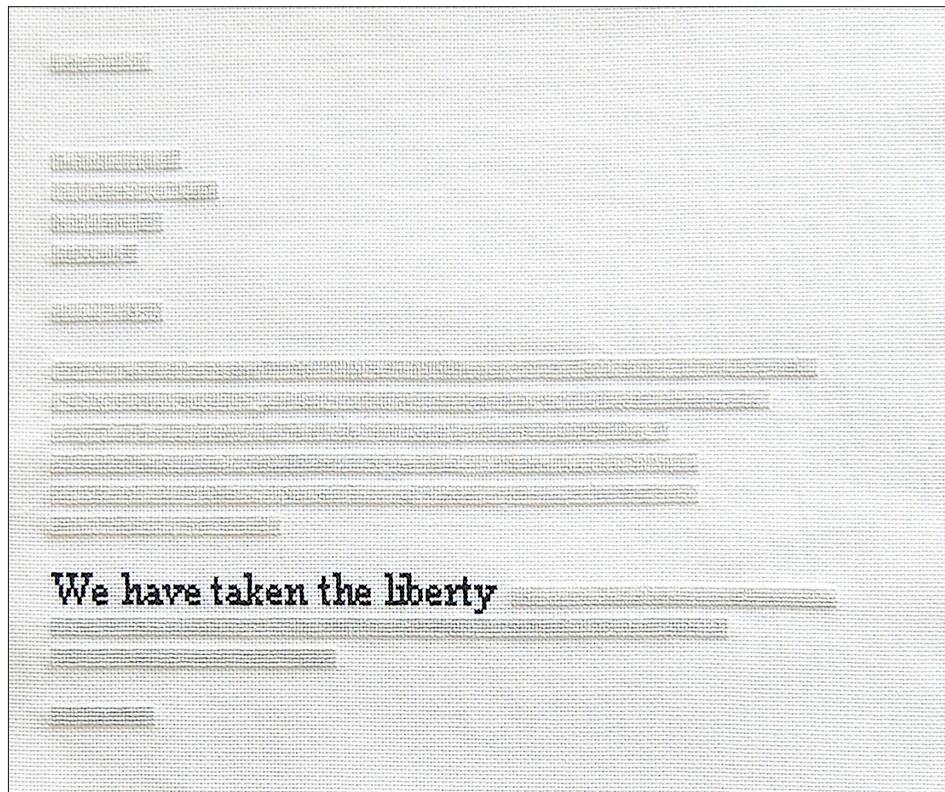
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Artist Erika deFreitas has hand-embroidered rejection letters she received over five years.



The rejection letter exhibit can be seen at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. /Photos submitted.

Rejection letter exhibit featured at Agnes Jamieson Gallery

The Canada Council Art Bank of Canada has purchased the work by artist Erika deFreitas entitled "a most difficult one (a selection from 2004-2009)" exhibiting at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery.

The work, which is in six parts, is hand-embroidered rejection letters taken from actual letters the artist had received over five years. When curator Laurie Carmount received the proposal for the

exhibition it caught her as a wonderfully witty take on a negative thing.

We have all experienced those times when we are told, politely, we are not accepted. No matter how polite the letter may be the impact is hard. DeFreitas cleverly found the silver-lining and the result has been more than she would have ever thought. She is, of course, very thrilled.

DeFreitas was contacted by the Art Bank regarding her work two weeks ago. The mandate of the Art Bank is to make contemporary Canadian art accessible to as wide an audience as possible through its art rental program. It rents art suitable for display in an office environment to public and private sector clients in Canada and abroad. As a self-sufficient organization, it supports Canadian artists by purchasing work, through a system of peer assessment, from its earned revenues. With more than 18,000 works in its working collection, the Art Bank has the largest collection of contemporary Canadian art in the world.

From its inception, the Art Bank was created to "supplement the income of artists whose works are purchased and to bring large numbers of Canadians in direct contact with contemporary Canadian

art. It is also intended to provide stimulus to commercial galleries which have long made an important contribution to Canadian art." The unique idea for this program stemmed from the creative minds of two key people: Suzanne Rivard Le Moyne, then visual arts officer at the Canada Council, and Al Johnson, secretary of the Treasury Board of Canada at the time.

In 1972, Le Moyne forwarded a proposal to Treasury Board to set up an art rental project aimed at government agencies. Treasury Board responded, not with the \$250,000 requested, but with an allocation of \$5,000,000 over five years. This dramatic vote of confidence set the stage for what has become the largest collection of contemporary Canadian art in the world and the most successful art rental program in Canada. Today, Australia uses the Art Bank model; Norway has a similar project, and several other countries – notably Singapore, India and Japan – have asked for information.

The Agnes Jamieson Gallery is honoured to have been a part of this connection. This is part of the public art gallery's important role in promoting and exposing artwork to its community, locally and nationally.





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by BARRY DEVOLIN
Special to the Times

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One of first impressions was how well I was treated because I was Canadian.

I quickly learned that much of that admiration and gratitude came from the role Canadians played in liberating Holland from Nazi occupation, a special relationship that remains strong today.

We all know that Canadians who fought in the Second World War in the Netherlands and beyond did extraordinary

things in the name of freedom.

Their courage and determination in grueling conditions represents the best of what Canada is.

It was in 1944 when the First Canadian Army liberated the Netherlands.

This army, more than 175,000 Canadians reinforced by Dutch and allied forces, fought its way from Normandy to Rotterdam, field by field, canal by canal, dyke by daunting dyke. They crossed deep, boot-sucking mud.

They passed over ground heavily mined. They navigated flooded lowlands, the water sometimes too high to wade through, but too shallow for boats.

More than seven and a half thousand Canadians gave their lives so that the peo-

ple of the Netherlands could live again.

Today, we keep faith with them by remembering our brave soldiers' deeds, honouring their achievements and celebrating the lasting bonds between our two great countries.

It is apparent in the kindness with which Canadian veterans and ordinary citizens are received in the Netherlands and in the beautiful tulips the Dutch send every year to our nation's capital.

I would like to thank the Dutch for their commitment to remembering

those brave Canadians who fought and died in the Netherlands during the war and I hope the sacrifice of our soldiers, in either country, will never be forgotten.

NOTICES & TENDERS FOR:



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Notices



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**The Township of Algonquin Highlands and the
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**May 22nd
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July 31st
Sept. 4th
Oct. 9th**

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following respective locations:**

May 22nd	Maple
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July 3rd Dorset Landfill	1-5 pm
July 31st Oxtongue Landfill	1-5 pm
Sept. 4th Dorset Landfill	1-5 pm
Oct. 9th Maple Lake Landfill	1-5 pm

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE
TOWNSHIP OF ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS
OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

You are invited to attend a Public Open House regarding updating the current Official Plan for the Township of Algonquin Highlands:

DATE: **Saturday, May 29, 2010**
TIME: **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**
LOCATION: Dorset Recreation Centre
1051 Main Street
Dorset, Ontario

The Township of Algonquin Highlands recently initiated an Official Plan Review, which is intended to reflect changes in provincial and county policies and provide an opportunity for citizens to influence the future of planning and development in their community. This Public Open House is the first opportunity for the community to provide comment into the Official Plan Review Process.

The purpose of this initial Public Open House is to involve Algonquin Highlands' residents in the Official Plan Review process by introducing the process to the community and obtain input from the public on issues and key topics to be addressed early in the process. Key issues identified by staff to date include:

1. Shoreline and Waterfront Development
2. Rural Development
3. Commercial Land Development
4. Settlement Areas
5. Natural Heritage / Environmental Management
6. Private Road Development
7. Lake Water Quality
8. Administration Matters resulting from Bill 51

Other policy review matters may arise as a result of public input and further staff review. It should be noted that no specific policy revisions are being considered at the Open House but rather the goal is the identification of matters to be addressed in the process. The need for and exact nature of specific policy revisions will be determined as the review process proceeds. Additional opportunities for public input will be provided at future stages in the process.

We would welcome your input on this process either in writing or in person at the Public Open House. Any comments, information or questions should be directed to either of the Project Team members listed below:

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Municipal elections will be held on October 25, 2010.
Fill out your Municipal Enumeration Form.

If you receive a Municipal Enumeration Form from MPAC, please confirm the information included on the form and make any necessary changes or additions. Once the form has been completed, please sign and return it to MPAC in the envelope provided.

MPAC is authorized under section 15 of the Assessment Act to conduct municipal enumerations in Ontario. The information collected on the Municipal Enumeration Form is protected under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

You can also contact MPAC to confirm the information we have on file.
1 866 296-MPAC (6722)
1 877 889-MPAC (6722) TTY
www.mpac.ca



MAY LONG WEEKEND YARD SALES

YARD SALE/BAKE SALE

Saturday, May 22 • 9 am – 2 pm

9 CEDAR AVE

(Bill Gliddon's residence)

St. George's Youth Group – Scholarship Fund



Saturday & Sunday

May 22 & 23

9 am – 4 pm

lots of paintings furniture tools

LOTS OF GREAT ITEMS

IRONDALE, Hwy 503, #7918



Saturday, May 22nd
Sunday, May 23rd

8 am – 4 pm

Selection of antiques and household contents

1022 Petite Lane, Minden

Off Hwy 35, across from Mountain
Lake Stonework Quarry

MOVING SALE May 14-24

2 week-ends, and through the week as you may between May 14-24. Many items to go, including kitchen, living, and bedroom accessories, electronics, pc games, clothing, chairs collectibles, and much more.

1575 Tom Bolton Rd, Minden



May 22 & May 23
8 am – 4pm

Boat, Electrical and plumbing, household goods, china, electronic appliances

1010 SHAMBA TRAIL

Hwy 118 west of Lakeside Golf

Ingoldsby United Church

will be holding a yard sale on Saturday, May 22nd, beginning at 8 am – many assorted household items – homemade pies – coffee available.

Drop by and check us out.
1741 Ingoldsby Road.



Sat, May 22nd

8 – noon

shop tools, boat motors
garage tools, odds & ends
6 Teasdale St, Minden

GIGANTIC YARD SALE

Saturday, May 22nd

Sunday, May 23rd

- ~ paddle boat
- ~ aluminum boats
- ~ furniture
- ~ china
- ~household items
- & much more....

1355 Wigamog Rd

GARAGE SALE/YARD SALE

SAT, MAY 22
8 am

~ lots of good quality items
12 ft aluminum boat, lots of household items, tables clothing, etc...

1117 Beech Bay Road,
outside of Carnarvon, off Hwy 35



Saturday,
May 22nd

Furniture, Power tools, wood lathe... something for everyone

2432 Haliburton Lake Road

HUGE INDOOR/OUTDOOR MOVING SALE

Saturday, May 22 & Sunday, May 23
8 am – 2pm

- ~Lawn and House Furniture
- ~ Tools ~ Dishes ~ Electronics
- ~Sports & Water Sports Equip.
- ~Screen Door ~ Canoe ~ Pictures
- ~De-humidifier ~Fishing Rods ~ Humidifier
- ~ BB caps AND MUCH MORE....

1027 Halikash Lane
off Caribou Rd/Cty Rd 21



~ Pool table,
mountain bike,
furniture,
toys, etc....
4003 Deep
Bay Road

AROUND THE COUNTY!



BAKE SALE/ BOTTLE DRIVE

in support of the Haliburton County Relay for Life

Saturday, May 22
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Kawartha Dairy, Minden
Hosted by Eldon's Angels (The Bull Family)

YARD SALE

May 22 & 23
house, furniture & contents
Gelert Road
to 1127 Milburn Road

DOWNSIZING SALE

Saturday, May 22
Sunday, May 23
8 am – 5 pm

TOO MANY GREAT ITEMS TOO LIST!!!

1032 NOAH'S LANE
MINDEN

(Top end of Lake Kushog, near Pine Springs)

YARD SALE

May 22
8 am – 12:30 pm

Something for Everyone!

1047 Marigold Road, West
Guilford



MAY 22, 8 am – 5 pm

Tons of stuff,

Turn on Halbiem Crescent
and follow to the end

12 Bishop Court

MULTI FAMILY GARAGE SALE (rain or shine)

Friday, May 21st 4-8 pm
Saturday, May 22nd 9 am – 2 pm

Furniture, tools, bedding, toys, 2003
Subaru Outback, 2000 Formula
snowmobile, two sheds etc.

**1336 Hamilton Road, Minden
Hwy #35 at lights, South Lake Rd.
to Hamilton Rd.**

ALGONQUIN WOODLAND METIS ANISHINABEK TRIBE YARD SALE

Friday, May 21st

Saturday, May 22nd

Sunday, May 23rd

**By donation for donation
18 St. Germaine, Minden**

May 22nd
starts at 9 am
Downsizing some
crafts and sewing
supplies
Something for
everyone
1007 Front Lane
Hunter Creek Estates



Yard Sale

Saturday, May 22

9 am – 3 pm

~ wicker chairs ~ children's bikes
~ cot ~ brass fireplace set
~ winter sports equipment ~ electronics equip.
~ kitchen stuff ~ pine mouldings etc....
“Northaways”
3191 Kashagawigamog Lake Rd,
Haliburton

MULTIPLE FAMILY GARAGE SALE

**Saturday, May 22
8 am – 3 pm**

Household Items, Retail Display Items,
Craft Supplies, Christmas Items

16 Highland Gate Blvd.

YARD SALE

Saturday, May 22 9 am – noon
Sunday, May 23 9 am – noon

**Books, movies, bedding and
misc. housewares
Southwind Motel
6254 Cty Rd. 121, Minden**

May Long Weekend Yard Sales

Around The County!

GARAGE SALE



Home/business overstock sale: brand new and sample items presented in covered garage. Come rain or shine!

May 24th weekend and by appointment at other times.

**1171 Red Umbrella Rd
tel. 705 489 3200**

DOWNSIZING SALE

May 22, 9 am

Furniture, household contents, TV's, cement mixer, wedding dress and more stuff.

13 Anson St.

GARAGE SALE

May 22

9am - 1pm

Canoe, paddle boat, bikes, household & garden items.

**1063 Curtis Dr.
Horseshoe Lake**

TWO HOUSE YARD SALE!

Saturday, May 22

8 am - 12 noon (Rain or Shine)

- electric reclining chair w/lift feature
- VHS/DVD player
- Home water pump & pressure tank system
- camera & audio books
- portable green houses
- Antique & new tools
- Stain Glass lights
- Garden equipment & decorative items
- Bikes & scooters

39 & 50 Anson St, Minden

Garage Sale

May 22

8 am - 3 pm

**New & Used Building,
materials, many large items
& granite tops**

1160 Koshlong Lake Rd

MINDEN KIN CLUB

Cystic Fibrosis

YARD SALE

May Long Weekend

Saturday, May 22

26 Prince St., Minden

MULTI FAMILY SALE AT SOUTHPAW FARM

Saturday, May 22, 8 am

Everything from toys to antiques!

Something for everyone!

See you at the end of the Line.

**1539 Irish Line Road,
West Guilford**

YARD SALE

Saturday, May 22

Sunday, May 23

9 am - 4 pm

- antiques
- furniture
- china
- household items

**4990 Monck Road,
Kinmount**

YARD SALE

MAY 22 & 23

8 AM - 4 PM

Boat, electrical, plumbing, household goods, china, electronic appliances

**1010 Shamba Trail
HWY 118 west of
Lakeside Golf**

Carnarvon Bowl now serves soft ice cream



STANHOPE LIFE
Gina Atkinson
489-1397
pinereflections@sympatico.ca

Is it safe to say that spring has arrived? All signs point to a big yes!

This is one of my favourite times of the year, when I get to see all of our guests that eagerly arrive to enjoy our beautiful part of the world. It's great to see all the familiar faces and catch up on each other's lives.

With the new season unfolding there are some things that you do need to know about.

First, did you hear that the Carnarvon Bowl now has soft ice cream? They have all the equipment to make delicious cones, slushies, milkshakes and this will be big: their version of the Blizzard!

I can hear all the excitement coming from my readers.

Career & Business Opportunity

Summer Assistant for the Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands

7 weeks - \$10.50/hour, 30 hours per week
July 5th to August 20th

This position is at the Arts Council office and includes supporting artist demonstrations at various events throughout the County, providing support for arts events and assisting with research related to the arts.

Skills and attributes required: an interest in the arts, good computer skills, good communications skills and initiative.

Access to own transportation required. Travel cost will be covered.

This position is supported by the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration's Summer Experience Program. Applicants must be between 16 and 30 years of age, have been registered as a full-time student within the previous academic year, and intend to return to school on a full-time basis in the coming year.

Please forward your cover letter and resume by May 28th to **Kim McBrien, Coordinator, Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands, to: P.O. Box 931 Haliburton ON K0M 1S0**; or by email to: **kim@haliburtonarts.on.ca** or drop off at **153 Mallard Rd. Haliburton (off Industrial Park Rd)**. We thank all applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. For further details call 705-457-8033.

As a resident of Carnarvon, I can say we are very lucky to have so many businesses all in such a small area.

Saturday night, the Firehouse is featuring the Wheat Kings, noted for being "high energy dance rock" which should keep you up dancing.

To view their impressive line-up of summer entertainment and activities visit them on Facebook.

It's getting close to the Haliburton Highlands Grannies to Grannies second tea party, which will be held on June 6 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Zion United Church right here in Carnarvon.

They have planned an afternoon of live music, tea, food temptations, prizes and a loonie auction.

Join them, have a great time and support the Grannies in Africa under the Stephen Lewis Foundation

Gee, work is interfering with my social life!

You have just a short time left to take advantage of saving on the Razzamataz family shows. Special early bird season pass rates effective until May 31 are \$20 per seat, children under two are free. Don't know if I like the wording on this, actually children under two get to enjoy the show for free.

Last year's shows were very popular and they have an exciting line-up planned for you to enjoy.

For more information please go to www.razzamataz.ca.

My granddaughter, Alyssa Stiver, had a sleepover that wasn't actually a sleepover at Archie Stouffer last Friday night. It was a special evening geared to teaching young girls about raising self-esteem, to accept their own unique beauty and hopefully become more confident in their travel into adulthood.

Excellent, my compliments to all involved in this very necessary education, keep these life-improving lessons coming!

Have a great week!



County of Haliburton Roads Department

The County of Haliburton Roads Department is accepting resumes from qualified individuals interested in obtaining a CUPE Local 1960 position as a Seasonal Flag Person/Labourer. Written applications will be received no later than Monday, May 31st, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. to the attention of:

Tamara Wilbee, County Clerk and Human Resources
Email: twilbee@county.haliburton.on.ca
Delivery: 11 Newcastle Street, Minden
Fax: 705-286-4829

The successful candidate will have experience in traffic control and be able to perform heavy manual labour duties in an outside environment. The 2010 rate of pay for this position is: \$14.48 per hour.

We thank all who apply for position, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

The County of Haliburton is an equal opportunity employer. In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the information gathered will be used solely for the purpose of job selection.

Wakerobin, another word for trillium



AROUND THE TOWN

Patti Fleury
488-2938 Fax: 488-1246
[email: brucefleury@nexicom.net](mailto:brucefleury@nexicom.net)

If you examine an old, single-furrow walking plow, don't be surprised to see the name J. Fleury's Sons Aurora. Bruce's ancestor Joseph Fleury Jr., a skilled blacksmith, founded his agricultural works there in 1859. Lately writers have been adding the term "smith," defined by the dictionary as someone who makes or shapes things, to their business cards listing themselves as "wordsmith." I like that.

Skilled wordsmiths can paint pictures in the mind's eye. An unfamiliar label, which appeared in the spring 2010 issue of *Country Gardens*, is "wakerobin" another name for our provincial flower the trillium. So which comes first then, the chicken or the egg? This year several robins arrived in the dooryard at the old farmhouse long before any trilliums had a chance to wake them. Our trip to the local landfill is now more than just a weekly necessity for a single maroon trillium standing tall at the entrance gate is worth a second glance.

This Victoria Day weekend is like homecoming weekend with the return of our seasonal residents and friends. The popular Kinmount Farmers' Market begins its 10th season this Saturday, May 22 open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Austin

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Join the Friends of the Rail Trail for a ramble May 23

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Sawmill Heritage Park. If interested in becoming a regular or occasional vendor call Marion Willemsen at 705-488-2612. At the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace (488-1414) it's "Welcome Back Friends" on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with many items on sale, draws, craft demonstrations and refreshments. Drop by to browse a variety of local arts, crafts, collectibles and souvenir items yours for the giving or keeping.

The Friends of the Rail Trail's Ramble this Sunday, May 23 will start at the Kinmount Railway Station at 11 a.m. to view the model replica of the rail line from Kinmount to Haliburton and the many interesting related items in the museum display there. The route then heads north to Joe's Black Rock before the hikers return to town for their brown bag lunch or takeout.

Speaking of food, the Kinmount United Church will host its annual hot and cold buffet supper at the Kinmount Community Centre on Saturday, May 29 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Tickets are


MINDEN LIONS CLUB
SPAGHETTI DINNER
FRIDAY, May 21st
Doors Open at 5:00 p.m.
 Until 7:30 p.m.
Adult: \$10.00 ea
Child 10 & under: \$5.00 ea
Minden Lions Hall
286-3233
164 Bobcaygeon Rd.





Start your Long Weekend with Us!

Proceeds to assist funding of Community Projects
 Mark your calendars - 3rd Friday of every month



HALIBURTON MOVIE NIGHTS

Thursday, May 13/10:
DE PERE EN FLIC (Fathers & Guns) - PG13

Tuesday, May 18/10:
THE YOUNG VICTORIA - PG

Thursday, June 3/10:
AN EDUCATION - PG13

2 Shows - 4:15 and 7:15
 Northern Light Pavilion, Haliburton High School
 All Tickets \$8.00 at the door

THOSE OTHER MOVIES Season passes for next year will be sold at the door on movie nights.
 \$60 for 10 films - September 2010 thru June 2011
www.haliburton-movies

available at the door with adults \$12.50, children 10 years and under \$5 and preschoolers free. For more information call 488-2129 or 488-2687.

At the Kinmount Legion Branch 441 it's big bucks bid eucre on Wednesday, May 19 starting at 11 a.m. The \$10 cost includes lunch. Tuesday lunches continue at the branch from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a hot entrée \$6 and the soup/sandwich combo \$5 (both prices include tea or coffee). You can choose to eat in or take out.

Plan to get involved as a donor, vendor, volunteer or shopper at the third annual yard sale for the cure on Saturday, May 29 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. sponsored by Kinmount's Re/Max Realty at their office 4980 Monck Road (Hwy. 45 West).

Donations of good used items (please no clothing) are welcome. For more information please call Diane at 705-488-3000.

36th Annual Open House

& Strawberry SOCIAL

YMCA WANAKITA SINCE 1953

Sunday, June 27, 2010, 12 pm to 6 pm

Come one, come all! Enjoy our site & hop in on some swimming, canoeing & various other activities. If you get hungry, join us in our dining hall for an ALL YOU CAN EAT meal, complete with STRAWBERRY DELIGHTS!

Come one, come all, to YMCA Wanakita

Family Meal Rates - \$18
 Immediate family rate - mom, dad, kids)
 Individual Meal Rates - \$6 per adult, \$4 per child (16 & under)
 Food is served from 1 pm to 6 pm

Zion United Church "Your Community Church"

SUN. MAY 23rd
WELCOME BACK - 9am
 (Snowbirds and Cottagers)

SAT. MAY 29th
WORK BEE - 9am - 4pm
 (Lunch is being served)

SUN. JUNE 6th
GRAMA's to GRAMA's

"Your Community Church in Action"
COFFEE / TEA & GOODIES
AFTER SUNDAY SERVICES
COME JOIN US - ALL WELCOME

Coming Events



Golf Lessons
FREE CLINIC

at Beaverbrook
Wednesday, May 26th
at 4 pm & 6 pm

All Welcome...

Wintergreen Pancake Barn
presents...

The Country & The Cold
Hot Flashes Shoulders

We're still hotties!

It's just that it comes in flashes now!

Dinner at 7pm
Concert at 8pm

MENU
 BBQ Beef, roast taters, baked beans, slaw, bread, and Apple Pan Dowdy
 Cost: \$30.00 per person...
 By reservation only... call **286-3202**
 Gelert Rd. #3325



Saturday May 22, 2010

MINDEN & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S

PLANT SALE

SATURDAY, MAY 29, 2010

10 A.M. SHARP

AT THE VILLAGE GREEN, MINDEN

ALL PLANTS GROWN BY OUR MEMBERS

LINDA 286-2261



Official plan open house May 29



DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano

705-766-0076

melalfano@hotmail.com

Would you like to get out, meet people and earn some extra spending money? The Dorset Tower gift shop is looking for part-time help for the upcoming season. Hours include days and weekends starting the Victoria Day weekend through to the weekend after Thanksgiving. For more information, or to submit a resume, email drc@algonquinhighlands.ca or call 766-9968.

Algonquin Highlands is hosting a public open house on Saturday, May 29 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. The purpose of the open house is to outline the official plan review process to interested residents and obtain input on issues that the public feel should be addressed in the official plan review.

Key issues include; shoreline and waterfront development, rural development, commercial land development,

settlement areas, natural heritage, environmental management, private road development, lake water quality and administration matters resulting from Bill 51. For more information, contact Angie at 489-2379 Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Dorset Moms and Tots Playgroup will be adjourning for the summer starting in June, reconvening on Tuesday, September 7 at 10 a.m. For more information, give Cheryl a call at 766-0874.

All aspiring artists are invited to participate in a weekly get-together to share skills and social time. Starting on Wednesday, June 2, meet at the Dorset Recreation Centre from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The group will meet every Wednesday from June to the end of August. Please bring your own project and materials. The cost to participate is \$1 per person. For more information, give Martie a call at 766-0857.

The Dorset Recreation Centre along with accredited instructor Jonathan French will be offering ORCKA Basic Canoe Lessons (from "Safe Canoeing" to "Basic Canoeing Level 4" at the Dorset Parkette, Little Trading Bay with various dates throughout June, July and August.

The ORCKA basic levels are designed to introduce the novice or relatively inexperienced canoeist to paddling with emphasis on mastering the fundamentals of canoeing along with a strong grounding in safety.

The ORCKA program is open to all ages (over eight) and students are to provide their own canoe (one per pair of participants), paddle and PFD. Students progressing to levels 4a and 4b will require their own canoe (solo).

For more information on canoeing lessons, contact the recreation centre at 766-9968.

Birthday wishes for the week of May 16 to 22 go out to Norm MacKay, Steve Woolman and Luke Lock. Have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

www.mindentimes.ca

To advertise your upcoming event, call Angela at 286-1288

Coming Events

Hit the Green at Hole 15!



Join MEAC at the picturesque Blairhampton Golf Club on May 22nd and 23rd for your chance to win a sleeve of golf balls and help the sick and injured animals in Minden. Just \$5 to enter and all proceeds go to MEAC!

4th Annual Photo Contest

MEAC is proud to be producing a calendar of YOUR photos again this year! Make your pet one of the 12 winning monthly photos, or one of the runners-up photos displayed throughout the calendar! For full details pick up an entry form at Minden Animal Hospital. Contest closes July 24th so start shooting now!



MEAC (Minden Emergency Animal Care) was created to provide emergency medical care for injured and sick stray animals in our local area.



www.meac2007.com

THE ROTARY CLUB OF MINDEN

presents its

Annual Dinner &



Giant Auction

Saturday, June 5

Minden Community Centre



Dinner is catered by St Paul's Anglican Church

Dinner Tickets available only in advance

Purchase Tickets "NOW" - usually sold out

Campbell's Florist & Garden Centre 286-1640

Glen Bonham 286-2198

\$25.00 per person

Great Food.....Great Fellowship.....Great Prizes

Looking for something theatrical to do this summer?

Theatre workshops

Space available in weekend theatre workshops taught by Canadore College's award-winning Rod Carley on May 29, 30, June 5 and 6. \$25 each, \$125 for all. Contact fay.martin@fayandassociates.com. 286-3668.

The Golden Slipper

Now recruiting cast and crew for original production of Michael Fay's three-act play set in 1936 Toronto and Highlands. Playing Under the Big Top, Minden Hills Cultural Centre, Aug 11, 12, 15, 18, 19.

Contact director Emily Stonehouse, 457-1311, or producer Fay Martin 286-3668.

Minden host walks

Recruiting narrators to lead ghost walks in downtown Minden Tuesday and Thursday evenings through July and August.

Training and costumes included.

Narrators receive a portion of sales. Contact fay.martin@fayandassociates.com, 286-3668.

colour your plate
An Artfully Nutritious Exhibit
A Multi-Disciplinary Art Exhibition & Partnership
Fundraiser for Haliburton County's Food For Kids
Program and The Art Hive

Exhibition Opens May 15th at The Art Hive
10239 Highway #118, 4km east of Carnarvon.

Celebrate the opening, with a Workshop
**Decorate Your Plate
With April Gates**

**Exhibition from May 15th
until Closing Auction on June 5th at 7pm.**
Celebrity Auctioneer Brigitte Gall
Live Music & Refreshments

For more information on this event and April Gates
Workshop please call The Art Hive at (705) 754-0021
or e-mail thearthive@live.com

Art Hive **Food For Kids**
Haliburton County's Student Nutrition Program

Coming Events



MAPLE SYRUP AND PANCAKE BARN
#3325 Gelert Rd.
Open Sat. May 22, Sun. May 23, Mon. May 24
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Come and enjoy our delicious maple menu (pancakes, French toast, crepes, sausages, maple baked beans etc.) Also featuring BBQ PULLED PORK ON HOME MADE BREAD, and relax on the deck with the summer air of the Highlands. Taste test our BBQ sauces, jams, jellies, mustards, maple products, fruit syrups and go for a walk in the maple bush. Our next weekend open to the public is Sat July 3rd through to Labour day weekend (Sat and Sun 9-4pm) Of course you may call anytime for an appointment to pick up retail or book a special event. Join us this Sat. May 22 for the BBQ dinner and concert with the HOT FLASHES AND THE COLD SHOULDERS (a classic local Country band)... DINNER AT 7pm, CONCERT AT 8pm. Reservations only...

Call 286-3202 for more information.
Winergreen Maple Products, Box 625,
Minden, Ont. K0M-2K0

Beat the spring rush and get your Boat Smart Licence for the upcoming boating season. Boat Smart Exams available by appt. Call 286-4360.

community calendar



What's happening in the County

Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or to the Haliburton Highlands Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

- May 18: Kids Have Stress Too at Minden OEYC from 5-7 pm** - For parents with children 3-6 years. There are many reasons why our children may experience stress. Learn effective ways to help your child deal with stress. Please register at 286-4625.
- May 20: Welcome to Kindergarten! - Join us from 6-7:30 pm at Stuart Baker Elementary School** - Introduction to kindergarten program for new Junior/Senior aged children entering school in September 2010. To register for the evening please call Susan at SBES - 457-1342 as soon as possible.
- May 21: Infant Massage at Minden OEYC from 10 - 11 am** - Bring your infant and enjoy some Mommy and Me time. Discuss the importance of caring touch and learn proper Infant Massage techniques. To register please phone Minden OEYC at 286-1770.
- May 22: Gooderham United Church Yard Sale** - 9 am to 3 pm. Something for everyone!
- May 25: Le Club de français** - third meeting at S. S. Fleming College, Room 10 from 7-8:30 pm - Venez s'amuser, discuter, chanter, jouer et manger en français. Last Tuesday of every month. 754-1294
- May 22: Bake and Treasure Sale at the Echo Hills Legion Apartment from 9 am - 1 pm** - please join us at the Echo Hills Apartment, at the top of Highland St in Haliburton. Proceeds go back to the community and left over goods will be donated to Canoe radio station's yard sale. Donation pick ups or questions call Ginny 457-3393.
- May 29: Gooderham Fire & Rescue Auxiliary are holding a large fundraising book sale from 10 am - 2 pm** at the Gooderham Community Centre - We have been collecting books for almost a year, so we have a large selection of books. We also have old records, puzzles, toys, etc. that we will have for sale as well. There will be a hot luncheon available also. 100% of proceeds raised from sale goes to support the Gooderham Volunteer Fire Department. For more information about the book sale, or if you have any gently used books you would like to donate, please contact Jennifer at 447-2556.
- May 29: Kinmount United Church will host their annual Hot and Cold Buffet Supper** - Join us at the Kinmount Community Centre from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Tickets are available at the door. For further information, please call 489-2129 or 488-2687.
- May 29: Minden & District Horticultural Society's Plant Sale** - Join us at 10 am sharp at the Village Green, Minden. All plants are grown by members.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.ca, or brought in to the office. Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date. **NOTE:** This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

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